

GUIDE FOR BUILDING AND CLASSING

FLOATING PRODUCTION INSTALLATIONS SEPTEMBER 2007

NOTICE NO. 2 – March 2008

The following Rule Changes become **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JANUARY 2008**.

Notes - The date in the parentheses means the date that the Rule becomes effective for new construction based on the contract date for construction, unless otherwise noted. (See 1-1-4/3.3 of the ABS Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures (Part 1).)

Note Regarding the Changes to Part 1, Chapter 1

For the 2008 edition, Part 1, Chapter 1, “Scope and Conditions of Classification” was consolidated into a generic booklet, entitled *Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures (Part 1)* for all units, installations, vessels or systems in offshore service. The purpose of this consolidation was to emphasize the common applicability of the classification requirements in “Part 1, Chapter 1” to ABS-classed offshore units, pipelines, risers, and other offshore structures, and thereby make “Conditions of Classification” more readily a common Rule of the various ABS Rules and Guides, as appropriate. As a result of this consolidation, those portions of Part 1, Chapter 1 which are now included in the generic booklet are deleted or revised as follows.

Foreword

(Add new text to the end of the Foreword, as follows.)

Changes to Conditions of Classification (1 January 2008)

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Thus, Part 1, Chapter 1 of this Guide specifies only the unique requirements applicable to floating production installations. These supplemental requirements are always to be used with the aforementioned *Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures (Part 1)*.

PART 1 CLASSIFICATION, TESTING AND SURVEY
CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
SECTION 1 CLASSIFICATION *(1 January 2008)*

(Delete entire existing text of Section 1-1-1 and replace with the following:)

The requirements for conditions of classification are contained in the separate, generic ABS *Rules for Conditions of Classification – Offshore Units and Structures (Part 1)*.

Additional requirements specific to floating production installations are contained in the following Sections.

(Delete entire existing Section 1-1-2.)

PART 1 CLASSIFICATION, TESTING AND SURVEY
CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
SECTION 2 SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION BOUNDARIES, SYMBOLS AND NOTATIONS *(1 January 2008)*

(Renumber Section 1-1-3 as Section 1-1-2. Add the following before Subsection 1-1-2/1:)

A listing of Classification Symbols and Notations available to the Owners of vessels, offshore drilling and production units and other marine structures and systems, “List of ABS Notations and Symbols” is available from the ABS website “<http://www.eagle.org/absdownloads/index.cfm>”.

The following classification boundaries, symbols and notations are specific to floating production installations.

(Existing text of Section 1-1-2 remains unchanged.)

PART 1 CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
SECTION 3 RULES AND THE CRITERIA PRESENTED FOR CLASSIFICATION *(1 January 2008)*

(Renumber Section 1-1-4 as Section 1-1-3. Delete Subsections 1-1-3/5, 1-1-3/7 and 1-1-3/11. Renumber Subsection 1-1-3/9 as 1-1-3/5.)

(Delete entire existing Sections 1-1-5 and 1-1-6.)

PART 1 CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
SECTION 4 SUBMISSION OF PLANS, DATA AND CALCULATIONS

(Renumber Section 1-1-7 as Section 1-1-4.)

(Delete entire existing Sections 1-1-8 through 1-1-14.)