

GUIDE FOR BUILDING AND CLASSING

FLOATING PRODUCTION INSTALLATIONS SEPTEMBER 2007

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The following Rule Changes become **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JULY 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).)

PART 2 SHIP-TYPE VESSELS

CHAPTER 1 SHIP-TYPE VESSELS (150 METERS (492 FEET) OR MORE IN LENGTH)

SECTION 4 INITIAL SCANTLING CRITERIA

1 General

(Add new Paragraph 2-1-4/1.7, as follows:)

1.7 Evaluation of Grouped Stiffeners (1 July 2008)

Where several members in a group with some variation in requirement are selected as equal, the section modulus requirement may be taken as the average of each individual requirement in the group. However, the section modulus requirement for the group is not to be taken less than 90% of the largest section modulus required for individual stiffeners within the group. Sequentially positioned stiffeners of equal scantlings may be considered a group.