

# **Regulation concerning amendments to the Regulations on evacuation and life-saving appliances on mobile offshore units and the Regulations on radio communication equipment for Norwegian ships and mobile offshore units**

Laid down by the Norwegian Maritime Authority on dd.mm 2024 under the Act of 16 February 2007 No. 9 relating to ship safety and security (Ship Safety and Security Act) sections 2, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 41, cf. Formal Delegation of 16 February 2007 No. 171 and Formal Delegation of 31 May 2007 No. 590.

## **I**

Regulations of 2 February 2016 No. 90 on evacuation and life-saving appliances on mobile offshore units are amended as follows:

Section 2 subparagraph a should read:

a. «SOLAS»: The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (*SOLAS*), *consolidated edition 2020*.

Section 5 should read:

Section 5. *Evacuation analysis for evacuation by sea*

An evacuation analysis shall be prepared, which shall be based on the unit's dimensioning accidental events, cf. section 24 of the Regulations of 22 December 1993 No. 1239 on risk analysis for mobile offshore units. The evacuation analysis shall demonstrate that, following any accidental event, escape routes, temporary refuges, muster stations and life-saving appliances are so arranged that:

- a. all persons on board can be evacuated by lifeboats in the course of 15 minutes regardless of weather conditions. The time is measured to the point where the lifeboats have been launched and released;
- b. the liferafts are appropriately placed for alternative evacuation;
- c. a sufficient number of personal life-saving appliances are available for use for purposes of both rescue and evacuation by sea.

Section 6 should read:

Section 6 *Muster list*

- (1) *The muster list shall specify:*
  - a. *how the emergency preparedness on the unit is organised*
  - b. *where each person shall meet, and the duties to be performed by each person in an emergency*
  - c. *the general alarm system signals.*
- (2) *The muster list shall be posted in the emergency response room, central control room, engine control room, important service spaces and in central areas in living quarters.*

Section 16 is repealed.

Section 21 third paragraph subparagraph b should read:

b. in the fully loaded condition have a static pulling power of at least  $(0.9 \times WE)$  kN, where WE is the weight in tonnes of a fully equipped lifeboat without persons on board. *This requirement does not apply to free-fall lifeboats.*

Section 28 is repealed.

Section 34 second paragraph should read:

(2) The drill program shall include drills within all relevant accidental events for the unit, cf. *section 24 of the Regulations of 22 December 1993 No. 1239 on risk analysis for mobile offshore units*, and shall be so planned that all personnel within one year participates in the drills that are relevant for each individual person.

Section 34 third paragraph should read:

(3) *The training and drills shall provide expertise in handling realistic emergency situations and the use of alternative escape routes and life-saving appliances.*

Section 34 fifth paragraph should read:

(5) For the purpose of drills and training

- a. fast rescue boats shall only be launched and operated after a risk assessment has been carried out*
- b. there is no requirement to launch lifeboats offshore. Launching should only be carried out when the conditions are satisfactory, and after a risk assessment has been carried out.*

Section 36 first paragraph should read:

(1) The maintenance program shall satisfy SOLAS Chapter III Regulation 20, cf. 3.25 and Regulation 36. Regulation III/20.4 does not apply. *During maintenance work and testing, lifeboats are not required to be launched offshore. Launching should only be carried out when the conditions are satisfactory, and after a risk assessment has been carried out.*

Section 36 fourth paragraph should read:

(4) *Conversions shall be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.*

Section 36 sixth paragraph is repealed.

## II

Regulations of 1 July 2014 No. 955 on radio communication equipment for Norwegian ships and mobile offshore units are amended as follows:

Section 7 should read:

Section 7. Required radio communication equipment on mobile offshore units

Mobile offshore units shall follow the requirements for cargo ships of section 2 *with the exception of the requirements in SOLAS IV/7.2, IV/7.3, IV/ 7.4, IV/ 7.5 and IV 7.6.*

*The number and location of VHF radiotelephone apparatuses (VHF), radar-SARTs and AIS-SARTs for lifeboats and liferafts shall comply with regulation 11.6 of the MODU Code. "Should" in the MODU Code shall be replaced by "shall".*

*Fast rescue boats shall be provided with VHF.*

*VHF in lifeboats and fast rescue boats shall be provided with a headset. The master must be able to use the VHF and operate the boat simultaneously.*

*If the VHF in the lifeboat is hand-held, it shall be connected to an additional antenna which is permanently fitted in the lifeboat.*

Section 8 should read:

Section 8. Exemptions for non-self-propelled mobile offshore units

Non-self-propelled mobile offshore units need not comply with the requirements for radio equipment of section 7 *first paragraph*, cf. SOLAS Regulation IV/8, /9, /10 and /11, when the unit satisfies the requirements of the MODU Code (Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009) No. 11.4 and 11.5.

The annex «Excerpts from MSC/Circ. 561» is repealed.

### **III**

This Regulation enters into force immediately.