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# Amended Rules for the Classification of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units

(For external opinion inquiry)



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## - Main Amendments -

### (1) Background of Amendment

- 1) Revision of relevant content in accordance with revision of IACS UR Z15 (Rev.4)
  - Modification of wording to apply to offshore units similar to mobile offshore drilling units
  - Revision of boiler survey to refer to contents of relevant UR(Pt 1, Ch 2, Sec 8, 801. of Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships.

### (2) Revised content : See the below table

### (3) Effective date : 1 July 2026 (Date of which application for survey is submitted)

Present	Amendment	Note
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 2 CLASSIFICATION AND SURVEYS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 1 General</b> &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 2 Classification</b></p> <p>101. &lt;Omitted&gt;</p> <p><b>102. Definition</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;Omitted&gt;</p> <p><b>2. Preload tank</b></p> <p>A preload tank is a tank within the hull of a self-elevating unit. These tanks are periodically filled with salt water ballast and used to preload the footings of the unit prior to commencing drilling operations. Preload tanks are considered equivalent to ballast tank.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;Omitted&gt;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 3 Surveys</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;Omitted&gt;</p> <p><b>303. Special Survey</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;Omitted&gt;</p> <p><b>4. Special Survey No. 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;Omitted&gt;</p> <p>(3) Other equipments (C) Special Features (All Types) (e) Piping Systems – Piping systems used solely for drilling operations and complying either with the Society's requirements or a recognized standard are to be examined, as far as practical, operationally or hydrostatically tested to working pressure, to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;Omitted&gt;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 2 CLASSIFICATION AND SURVEYS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 1 General</b> &lt;same as the present&gt;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 2 Classification</b></p> <p>101. &lt;same as the present&gt;</p> <p><b>102. Definition</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;same as the present&gt;</p> <p><b>2. Preload tank</b></p> <p>A preload tank is a tank within the hull of a self-elevating unit. These tanks are periodically filled with salt water ballast and used to preload the footings of the unit prior to commencing <del>drilling</del> operations. Preload tanks are considered equivalent to ballast tank.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;same as the present&gt;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 3 Surveys</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;same as the present&gt;</p> <p><b>303. Special Survey</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;same as the present&gt;</p> <p><b>4. Special Survey No. 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;same as the present&gt;</p> <p>(3) Other equipments (C) Special Features (All Types) (e) Piping Systems – <del>High pressure p</del> <del>Piping systems used solely for drilling operations and</del> <del>complying either with the Society's requirements or a recognized standard are to be examined, as far as practical, operationally or hydrostatically tested to working pressure, to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.</del> <del>used</del></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;same as the present&gt;</p>	<p>- Deleted 'drilling' from the definition of 'preload tank'</p> <p>: Revision of relevant definition in accordance with revision of IACS UR Z15 (Rev.4)</p>

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<p><b>306. Boiler Surveys</b></p> <p><b>1. Survey Interval</b></p> <p>(1) Water-Tube boiler for propulsion</p> <p>(A) For units fitted with more than one boiler the interval between surveys is, in general, to be 2-1/2 years.</p> <p>(B) For units fitted with one boiler, the interval between survey is, in general, to be 2.5 years for the first 7.5 years; thereafter the boiler is to be surveyed within 3 months before or after every year.</p> <p>(2) Waste-heat or fired auxiliary boilers used for the operation of the vessel, within the scope of classification, are to be surveyed at intervals, in general, of 2.5 years.</p> <p><b>2. Extension of survey</b></p> <p>The Boiler Surveys may be extended upon the request of an Owner within 6 months except for the boilers which are to be surveyed annually.</p> <p><b>3. Survey items</b></p> <p>The survey items in accordance with <b>Pt 1, Ch 2, Sec 8, 802.</b> of <b>Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships.</b></p>	<p><b>306. Boiler Surveys</b></p> <p><b>1. Survey Interval</b></p> <p><del>(1) Water Tube boiler for propulsion</del></p> <p><del>(A) For units fitted with more than one boiler the interval between surveys is, in general, to be 2-1/2 years.</del></p> <p><del>(B) For units fitted with one boiler, the interval between survey is, in general, to be 2.5 years for the first 7.5 years; thereafter the boiler is to be surveyed within 3 months before or after every year.</del></p> <p><del>(2) Waste heat or fired auxiliary boilers used for the operation of the vessel, within the scope of classification, are to be surveyed at intervals, in general, of 2.5 years.</del></p> <p>The survey interval in accordance with <b>Pt 1, Ch 2, Sec 8, 801.</b> of <b>Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships.</b></p> <p><b>2. Extension of survey</b></p> <p><del>The Boiler Surveys may be extended upon the request of an Owner within 6 months except for the boilers which are to be surveyed annually.</del></p> <p><b>2. Survey items</b></p> <p>The survey items in accordance with <b>Pt 1, Ch 2, Sec 8, 802.</b> of <b>Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships.</b></p>	<p>- Revision of boiler survey to refer to contents of relevant UR(Pt 1, Ch 2, Sec 8, 801. of Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships.</p> <p>: Revision of IACS UR Z15 (Rev.4)</p>