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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2026/9009/NO - T20T - Sea and river and navigation on inland waterways

5. Proposed Regulation concerning amendments to various regulations applicable to mobile offshore units

6. Proposed amendments to various regulations concerning mobile offshore units.

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8. The proposed amendments relate to mobile offshore units and introduce a new section 6 c to the Regulations on the construction of mobile offshore units, setting out requirement for battery systems and electrochemical capacitor systems of 20 kWh or more per room, as well as provisions for the rooms in which these systems are installed. These amendments also necessitate adjustments in the Regulations on risk analysis for mobile offshore units and the Regulations on precautionary measures against fire and explosion on mobile offshore units.

In section 6, robustness requirements are proposed for jack-up units. These requirements are largely already covered by section 10 item 1.2, but are transferred to section 6 item 1.2 with minor adjustments to align with NORSOK N-003 regarding the combination of environmental loads. A new robustness requirement related to overturning moment is also proposed; however, this requirement will not be dimensioning for existing jack-up units. The amendments to sections 6.5.1 and 6.5.2 are intended to ensure compliance with the MODU Code for jacking systems.

Section 6 c proposes that battery systems and electrochemical capacitor systems shall be approved by an MOU classification society. The rules of the relevant classification society shall form the basis for the design, construction, certification, installation and testing of such systems of 20 kWh or more per room. For mobile offshore units that already have such systems installed, the requirements shall apply only upon replacement. The requirement in the second paragraph is intended to ensure that the battery room functions as a secondary barrier should the cabinet or modules fail. The use of closed cabinets allows for automated safety systems and enables personnel to distinguish between events requiring intervention and those that naturally cease without further development. In the fourth paragraph the detection system shall be customized to detect relevant gases that can appear from lithium-ion cells. The seventh paragraph specifies requirements for fire-extinguishing systems in rooms containing lithium-ion cells. Due to the high explosion risk associated with such fires, it is proposed that the battery room be equipped with both a fresh water-based and an inert gas fire-extinguishing system. This combination is intended to prevent the formation of an explosive atmosphere and to limit temperature increases, thereby avoiding escalation. The inert gas system shall be capable of automatic activation.

In section 11, amendments are proposed to harmonise with the Regulations of 18 March 2021 No. 815 on helicopter decks on mobile offshore units and the MODU Code. In the thirteenth paragraph, an additional requirement is introduced compared to paragraph 5.4.10 of the MODU Code. This requirement shall apply regardless of the generator's capacity or start-up time. It is also proposed that the company's risk assessment determine which consumers are connected to the transitional source, to avoid hazardous situations in the event of black out scenarios. In section 13, it is proposed to remove outdated requirements and to relax the placement requirements for navigation lights, to better accommodate jack-up units.

9. The proposed DTR pursues safety of life, health, property and the environment.

9a. Battery systems integrated on mobile offshore units introduce a new safety risk, not comparable to risk from other equipment on board. This necessitates safety barriers to reduce the likelihood of accidents to occur and consequently reducing measures to achieve an acceptable risk level.

The purpose of the proposed section 6 c is to establish a common minimum safety level, regardless of which classification society is used.

9b. The regulation aims to:

- Provide clear rules for new installation on battery systems on mobile offshore units and rules for existing mobile offshore units that already have battery systems on board for when these should be replaced.
- Follow safety recommendations regarding battery safety from the Norwegian Accident Investigation Board.
- Minimize the likelihood and consequences of incidents related to battery systems through good planning and design, including ventilation, detection, and safety measures.

9c. See above and attached impact assessment. The NMA has assessed whether the proposed Regulations are in conflict with relevant community regulations and find no conflicts. In line with Articles 11 and 13 of the EEA Agreement, the NMA views the Regulations as proportionate, providing the necessary level of protection using the least restrictive methods.

10. References of the Basic Texts: The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification:

2014/9012/N

2015/9010/N

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

16.

TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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