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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No. 16-17011/8/2023-SD-DGS (C.No. 21947)

Dated: 21.06.2023

Addendum No. 02 to DGS Order 20 of 2022

Sub.: Certification of Offshore vessels, accommodation barges etc., while operating in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone-reg.

1. Reference is invited to the DGS Order 20 of 2022 dated 20.10.2023, which specifies the requirements for various types of vessels operating in the Indian waters, certified under SPS code or MODU Code 1989 or 2009, carrying more than 12 persons other than Master and crew of the vessel.
2. Whereas the Addendum no 01 to the DGS Order 20 of 2022, issued on 20.01.2023, in relation to the requirement under section 9d of the Order.
3. Whereas the Order also stipulates the requirements with respect to Mobile Offshore Drilling Units in Para A 10, as here under;

*"Existing 'Mobile Offshore Drilling Units' (propelled/non-propelled) under Indian registry, shall comply with the requirements of MODU Code, 1979, 1989 or 2009, depending on the year of construction/modification. Such MODUs certified as per the 1979 MODU Code shall upgrade and obtain certification under the MODU Code 1989 within 2 years from the date of issuance of this Order.*

*Foreign flag Mobile offshore drilling units certified as per the 1979 MODU Code, working in Indian waters on the date of issuance of this Order, shall upgrade and obtain certification under the MODU Code 1989 within 2 years from the date of issuance of this Order.*

*Any 'Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit' (propelled/non-propelled) participating in a tender, after the issuance of this Order (i.e. Indian or Foreign), shall comply with the requirements of MODU Code, 1989 or 2009, depending on the year of construction/modification."*

4. In this regard, the Directorate has received various representations from the stakeholders to extend the time towards the up-gradation of existing Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and limited availability of drilling rigs of MODU Code 1989 or higher.
5. Considering the submissions from the stakeholders, oil field operators including ONGC and a letter from the MoPNG dated 07.04.2023 and their merit, in order to avoid any disruptive effect on the trade and oil/gas production commitment of the country due to required demobilization of the rigs from production location, the Competent Authority has agreed to grant relaxation in the timeline stipulated towards the compliance of Para A 10 of the DGS Order 20 of 2022 and prescribe specific time frame towards progressive implementation of the said Order.
6. The relaxation measures are stipulated hereunder.

**6.1 Application:**

The relaxation measure is applicable only for the self-elevating types of drilling units operating in Indian waters, certified under the MODU Code.

This relaxation applies to the existing drilling rigs operating in Indian waters, as well as those drilling rigs participating in the tender and being awarded with the Work Order by 30-June 2024.

6.2 The progressive implementation required to be compiled towards the up-gradation of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units from 1979 MODU Code to 1989 MODU Code or above, is prescribed in the table 1.

**Table 1: Progressive implementation plan**

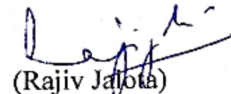
	<b>Compliance steps</b>	<b>Due Date for Compliance</b>
1	GAP analysis of the MODU Drilling rigs(Self-elevating type) with respect to the 1989 MODU Code, duly reviewed by any RO of the Govt. of India or as suggested by stakeholders during consultation, any reputed Marine Warranty Survey organizations, whose Marine Warranty Surveyors are certified with The Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors (SOMWS) under the appropriate professional category (Rigs/MODU = R)	31.12.2023
2	Operators/owners of MODU rigs to submit a progressive implementation plan for their individual drilling units–A firm timeline for the upgradation plan (1979 MODU Code to 1989 MODU Code or higher).	31.12.2023
3	Periodical(Quarterly) Compliance status by Individual drilling rig Operators/owners.	March 2024 and onwards
<b>Chapter-wise compliance to MODU Code 1989 and due date</b>		
4	Chapter 2 (Construction, Strength and material)	31.10.2024**
5	Chapter 3 (Subdivision, Stability and Freeboard)	31.05.2025
6	Chapter 4 (Machinery Installations)	31.05.2025
7	Chapter 5 (Electrical Installations)	31.05.2025
8	Chapter 6 (Machinery and Electrical Installations in Hazardous Area)	31.05.2025
9	Chapter 7 (Machinery and Electrical Installations for Self-Propelled Unit)	NA
10	Chapter 8 (Unattended Machinery)	31.05.2025
11	Chapter 9 (Fire Safety)	31.05.2025*
12	Chapter 10 (Life-Saving Appliances and Equipment)	31.10.2024 (Lifeboat by Oct 2027)
13	Chapter 11 (Radio Communication Installation)	31.05.2025
14	Chapter-12 (Lifting Devices, Personnel lifts and Pilot Transfer)	31.05.2025
15	Chapter-13 (Helicopter Facilities)	31.05.2025
16	Chapter-14 (Operations)	31.05.2025

*\*Any relaxation towards compliance would be only considered where there is an impossibility of performance of compliance or in case of any major constraint.*

*\*\* Any further request towards relaxation shall only be considered with regards to short-term only, subject to reported progress.*

7. On completion of the up-gradation process the drilling rigs shall hold a valid MODU Safety Certificate as per the 1989 MODU Code or higher before the date 31.10 2027.
8. To expedite national project-implementation, to increase Indian tonnage, to encourage development - of Indian shipping including Indian hub-ports and sea-trade routes, both new or existing - and to tackle an emergency or overcome a crisis, in the interest of Indian shipping or public interest, the D. G. Shipping retains the right to take action as deemed fit, overriding any of the aforementioned guidelines laid down.

Yours faithfully,



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in the rank of Secretary to the Govt

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