

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Norwegian Maritime Directorate P.O. Box 8114 Dep. 0032 Oslo Norway Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Ballast systems on mobile offshore units
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Regulations Concerning Amendment to Regulations of 20 December 1991 No. 879 Concerning Ballast Systems on Mobile Offshore Units
6.	Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- § 1, § 2: The amended Regulations are given effect for all mobile offshore units, who as a consequence will have to make necessary upgrades as a result of this and later amendments to the Regulations. Under the existing Regulations mobile offshore units only need to show compliance with the Regulations effective at the time of entry into a Norwegian register of ships.- § 5: Amendments to administrative provisions regarding obligations to submit documentation to the Norwegian Maritime Directorate. According to the amended Regulation, documentation is only to be submitted on the request of the Norwegian Maritime Directorate, as opposed to the existing Regulations where documentation always must be submitted.- § 6: Editorial amendments and amendments to administrative provisions regarding approvals from the Norwegian Maritime Directorate. The only approvals given will be in the form of maritime certificates.- § 8: Editorial amendments.- § 11: The amendments make the requirements for when the ballast system shall be capable of restoring the units to an upright position in line with the requirements in "International Maritime Organization; Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Units (MODU-Code).

6.	Description of content: (cont'd)
-	§ 14 General requirements: The Regulation is amended to allow for the use of alternative modern indicating systems.
-	§ 21 Draught indicating system: The draft is amended to give specific requirements for the indicating system for ship type units.
-	§ 22: Editorial amendments specifying that the requirement is intended for semi-submersible units.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: If the draft amendment of the Notice contains quantitative import restrictions or measures of equal effect within the meaning of Article 11 of the EEA Agreement then such measures are justified in the interests of public health and safety and in order to protect human life. With regard to foreign products which conform to the requirements, established in the country of origin, § 4(a) contains a provision relating to mutual recognition.
8.	Relevant documents:
-	Regulations of 20 December 1991 No. 879 Concerning Ballast Systems on Mobile Offshore Units.
-	International Maritime Organization; Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Units (MODU-Code)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 January 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 21 December 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: Norwegian Maritime Directorate P.O. Box 8114 Dep., 0032 Oslo Norway Telefax No.: + 47 22 56 87 80