

Regulations of 1 April 1996 No. 319 on the manning of mobile offshore units

Legal basis: Laid down by the Norwegian Maritime Authority on 1 April 1996 under the Act of 9 June 1903 No. 7 relating to public control of the seaworthiness of ships etc. Legal basis amended to Act of 16 February 2007 No. 9 relating to ship safety and security (Ship Safety and Security Act) sections 14, 15, 16 and 45 cf. Formal Delegation of 16 February 2007 No. 171 and Formal Delegation of 31 May 2007 No. 590.

EEA references: EEA Agreement Annex II Chapter XIX point 1 (Directive 98/34/EC).

Amendments: Amended by Regulations of 2 March 1999 No. 414, 11 April 2003 No. 545, 29 June 2007 No. 1006 (i.a. legal basis), 14 March 2008 No. 305, 28 June 2016 No. 833.

Chapter I Introductory provisions

Section 1

Scope of application

1. These Regulations apply to the manning of mobile offshore units registered in a Norwegian ship register.
2. Mobile offshore units which are registered in a Norwegian ship register may, until the next certificate issue, comply with the requirements that applied at the time of the last certificate issue.

Amended by Regulations of 11 April 2003 No. 545 (in force on 1 July 2003), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Section 2

(Repealed)

Repealed by Regulation of 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Chapter II General provisions

Section 3

(Repealed)

Repealed by Regulation of 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Section 4

Obligations

The company, the offshore installation manager and others who have their work on board shall perform their duties in accordance with the Ship Safety and Security Act and the supplementary provisions laid down in these Regulations.

Amended by Regulations of 2 March 1999 No. 414 (in force on 1 Sept 1999), 11 April 2003 No. 545 (in force on 1 July 2003), 29 June 2007 No. 1006 (in force on 1 July 2007).

Section 5

Exemptions

(1) The Norwegian Maritime Authority may exempt a mobile offshore unit from one or more of the requirements of the Regulations if the company applies for an exemption in writing and one of the following requirements is met:

- a) it is established that the requirement is not essential and that the exemption is justifiable in terms of safety;
- b) it is established that compensating measures will maintain the same level of safety as required by these Regulations.

(2) A statement from the safety representative(s) shall be attached to the application for exemption.

Amended by Regulations of 11 April 2003 No. 545 (in force on 1 July 2003), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Chapter III Manning during operation, transit and industrial disputes

Heading amended by Regulations of 11 April 2003 No. 545 (in force on 1 July 2003), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Section 6

Documentation

1. The company shall submit one copy of the following documentation to the Norwegian Maritime Authority:
 - 1.1. an organization plan;
 - 1.2. job instructions for each post in the organization plan;
 - 1.3. a proposal, the rationale of which is stated and explained, for minimum safe manning during operation and transit, cf. section 8, and industrial disputes. Proposals shall be submitted in tabular form, including areas of application and waters. The table shall indicate the job titles of the posts with their associated certificates and qualification documents in accordance with the Regulations of 22 December 2011 No. 1523 on qualifications and certificates for seafarers.
 - 1.4. Information on any other matter of relevance to the safe operation of the unit.
2. The Norwegian Maritime Authority may require additional documentation within the areas listed in item 1.

Amended by Regulations of 11 April 2003 No. 545 (in force on 1 July 2003), 29 June 2007 No. 1006 (in force on 1 July 2007), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Section 7

Safe manning document

1. The Norwegian Maritime Authority issues the safe manning document with specified job titles, certificates of competency and qualification requirements. The safe manning document is not valid for manning during time in port and at repair yard or during lay-up, cf. sections 10 and 11.
2. The safe manning document shall be posted on board in such a manner that all persons on board are able to acquaint themselves with the contents.

Amended by Regulations of 11 April 2003 No. 545 (in force on 1 July 2003), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Section 8

Minimum safe manning

1. The company shall, in consultation with the offshore installation manager and the safety representative(s), propose the minimum safe manning necessary to ensure the safety of the unit and the persons on board and prevent pollution of the marine environment.
2. The proposed minimum safe manning shall be based on the unit's:
 - a) risk analysis
 - b) emergency preparedness analysis
 - c) Safety Management System
 - d) organization plan
 - e) job instructions for each position
 - f) trade area.
3. The proposed minimum safe manning shall cover all relevant operations, tasks and functions for the safe operation of the mobile offshore unit, including:
 - 3.1. watchkeeping, drills and emergency preparedness;
 - 3.2. operation and maintenance of vital operating systems and safety and emergency systems, cf. Regulations of 22 December 1993 No. 1239 on risk analyses for mobile offshore units section 25;
 - 3.3. operation and maintenance of control rooms;
 - 3.4. operations connected with supply vessels and standby vessels;
 - 3.5. operations connected with transit.
4. Each unit used for accommodation purposes shall have a safety officer of its own.
5. When moving jack-up units the number and composition of the safe manning personnel shall be limited to personnel who are assigned safety-related tasks.
6. The offshore installation manager shall have the highest authority on board and qualifications in accordance with Regulations of 22 December 2011 No. 1523 on qualifications and certificates for seafarers sections 70 to 72.

Amended by Regulations of 2 March 1999 No. 414 (in force on 1 Sept 1999), 11 April 2003 No. 545 (in force on 1 July 2003), 29 June 2007 No. 1006 (in force on 1 July 2007), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Section 9

(Repealed)

Repealed by Regulation of 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Chapter IV

Manning during time in port, at repair yard, and lay-up

Section 10

Time in port

1. Manning during time in port shall be determined by the company in consultation with the offshore installation manager and safety representative(s) on the basis of a list of safety-related tasks that cease to be performed during time in port, cf. section 8 item 3.
2. In determining the manning, due consideration shall be given to safety in connection with work operations, visits, etc. on board involving persons other than the unit's crew which are the responsibility of the offshore installation manager as provided above.
3. The manning thus determined shall be entered in the deck logbook.

Amended by Regulations of 29 June 2007 No. 1006 (in force on 1 July 2007), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Section 11

Time at repair yard and lay-up

1. Manning during time at repair yard and lay-up shall be determined by the company in consultation with the offshore installation manager and safety representative(s) on the basis of lists of:
 - a) safety-related tasks that cease to be performed during time at repair yard or in lay-up, cf. section 8 item 3, and
 - b) safety-related tasks for which a transfer of responsibility has taken place.
2. Safety-related tasks that are transferred to others shall be entered in the deck logbook and signed by a person so authorized by the person to whom responsibility has been transferred.
3. In determining the manning, due consideration shall be given to safety in connection with work operations, visits, etc. involving persons other than the unit's crew.

Amended by Regulations of 29 June 2007 No. 1006 (in force on 1 July 2007), 28 June 2016 No. 833 (in force on 1 July 2016).

Chapter V

Concluding provisions

Section 12

Entry into force, etc.

These Regulations enter into force on 15 May 1996.

The Regulations of 23 March 1982 No. 576 on the manning of Norwegian drilling units and other mobile offshore units are repealed as from the same date.

The provisions set out in a letter of 14 May 1982 concerning minimum manning on board Norwegian drilling vessels and other mobile offshore units during an industrial dispute are also repealed as from the same date.

Amended by Regulation of 29 June 2007 No. 1006 (in force on 1 July 2007, previously section 13).