



**ANNEX 25**

**RESOLUTION MSC.596(111)  
(adopted on 22 May 2026)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION  
AND EQUIPMENT OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS, 2009**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING that mobile offshore drilling units continue to be moved and operated internationally,

RECALLING that the Assembly, when adopting the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units in 2009 by resolution A.1023(26), authorized the Committee to amend the Code as appropriate, taking into consideration developments in design and technology, in consultation with appropriate organizations,

RECOGNIZING that regulations 6.5.1 and 6.5.5 of the 2009 MODU Code need further clarification for the application of the provisions therein, in order to facilitate their global and consistent implementation,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 111th session, recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction, at its twelfth session (19 to 23 January 2026),

1 ADOPTS amendments to the 2009 MODU Code, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 INVITES all Governments concerned to take appropriate steps to give effect to the annexed amendments to the 2009 MODU Code by 1 January 2027.

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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS, 2009 (2009 MODU CODE)

#### CHAPTER 6

#### MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN HAZARDOUS AREAS FOR ALL TYPES OF UNITS

##### 6.5 Emergency conditions due to drilling operations

The following sub-paragraphs are added after sub-paragraph 6.5.5:

"6.5.6 For MODUs constructed on or after 1 January 2027, equipment which is located in spaces other than enclosed spaces and which is capable of operation after each stage of selective shutdown as given in paragraph 6.5.1 should be suitable for installation in zone 2 locations, except for the equipment which is de-energized during drilling operations (such as shore power panel, towing winches, windlass, jacking motors, etc.). Such equipment which is located in enclosed spaces should be suitable for its intended application to the satisfaction of the Administration. At least the following facilities should be operable after an emergency shutdown:

- .1 emergency lighting under paragraphs 5.4.6.1.1 to 5.4.6.1.4 for half an hour;
- .2 blow-out preventer control system;
- .3 general alarm system;
- .4 public address system; and
- .5 battery-supplied radiocommunication installations.

6.5.7 For MODUs constructed on or after 1 January 2027, the selective disconnection required in paragraph 6.5.1 may also be arranged so as to enable the isolation of ignition sources on the basis of shipboard location (i.e. accommodation block, drill floor, machinery space, etc.), system, or function specific considerations. However, the equipment located in open areas or within spaces not protected by specific mitigating measures against impingement by a flammable gas release, and that continue to operate after each stage of ESD, should be suitable for installation in zone 2 locations.

6.5.8 For MODUs constructed on or after 1 January 2027, the equipment located in enclosed spaces that continue to operate after each stage of ESD is to be arranged with appropriate mitigating measures for such equipment and the enclosure they are located within. This is to enable such equipment, which is potentially not suitable for installation in zone 2 locations, to continue operating in an installation gas release incident.

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