Production Facility Regulatory Applicability

Flagged?

Floating Facility?

Yes

FPSO (COC issued as “FT”)

Add’t req’s (i.e., tank vessel) for the storage of product onboard

No

Applicable Classification Society Rules

FPS (COC issued as “FI”)

SOLAS for ‘Self-Propelled’ Units (build/mod year)

Yes

Alt Compliance (Policy Ltr 01-13), optional/as applicable

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FPSO

Initial Insp by CG; annual self-insp thereafter and subject to add’l inspection by CG/BSEE

Flagged?

Yes

Product Storage Capability?

Yes

33 CFR Subchapter N; 143.120

No

FOF* (COC Issued)

33 CFR Subchapter N; 143.120

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No

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SOLAS for ‘Self-Propelled’ Units (build/mod year)

33 CFR Subchapter N; 140.10 on/after 01Oct96?

Yes

Current 46 CFR 107 Part C & 108; 46 CFR Sub F, J, S

No

Old 46 CFR 107 Part C & 108, except Primary LS IAW “Current” §108.515

Old 46 CFR Sub F, J, S

Glossary:

BSEE – Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

CSU – Column-Stabilized Unit (commonly referred to as a Semi-Submersible)

FI – Floating Installation

FOF* – Floating OCS Facility (commonly referred to as a Floating Offshore Installation or FOI; FOFs are substantially/permanently-moored & are not ‘Documented’ or ‘flagged’)

FPS* – Floating Production System (this term is also used by BSEE regulations & can apply to all floating units, except FPSOs)

FPSO – Floating, Production, Storage & Offloading

TLP – Tension Leg Platform

*FPS & FOI can also be used by classification societies to indicate facility systems (production/marine) that are ‘classed’.

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