ANNEX 24

RESOLUTION MSC.547(107)
(adopted on 8 June 2023)

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

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,

RECALLING ALSO that, in accordance with regulation II-1/3-5 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, new installation of materials which contain asbestos is prohibited on all ships, which do not include MODUs,

RECOGNIZING that regulation 2.10.3 of the 2009 MODU Code covers the prohibition of materials containing asbestos that is applicable to new units at the time of construction, but does not cover new installation of materials on existing MODUs,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its 107th session, recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction, at its ninth session (23 to 27 January 2022),

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 2024.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS, 2009 (2009 MODU CODE) (Resolution A.1023(26))

CHAPTER 2 – CONSTRUCTION, STRENGTH AND MATERIALS

1 Section 2.10 is replaced by the following:

"**2.10 Materials**

2.10.1 Units should be constructed from steel or other suitable material having properties acceptable to the Administration taking into consideration the temperature extremes in the areas in which the unit is intended to operate.

2.10.2 Consideration should be given to the minimization of hazardous substances used in the design and construction of the unit and should facilitate recycling and removal of hazardous materials.[1]

2.10.3 For all MODUs, new installation of materials which contain asbestos should be prohibited.[2] "

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[1] Refer to the *Guidelines on ship recycling*, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.962(23), as amended (refer to A.980(24)).

[2] Refer to the *Unified interpretation on implementation of regulation 2.10.3 of the 2009 MODU Code, regulation 2.8.2 of the 1989 MODU Code and regulation 2.7.2 of the 1979 MODU Code* (MSC.1/Circ.1671).