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**Subject: Recognition of Option B equivalency of the Republic of Liberia Mobile Offshore Unit Standards, Chapters I and II (RLM 293) by The United States Coast Guard (USCG)**

**Ref:**

- (a) [TEC-009](#) - RLM 293, Chapter I - The Liberian requirements applicable to all MOUs**
- (b) [TEC-009](#) - RLM 293, Chapter II - Requirements for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs) that do not meet the 1979, 1989, or 2009 MODU Codes**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Advisory is to provide guidance to owners of Mobile Offshore Units covered under reference (b).

**Regulatory Compliance for foreign-flagged Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs) operating in the United States outer continental shelf (OCS) under Option B**

A USCG Certificate of Compliance (COC) issued under the provisions of 33 CFR 143.207(b) (design & equipment) and/or 33 CFR 146.205(b) (operations), also known as Option "B", allows for compliance with the standards of the MODU's documenting foreign -flagged nation, if the standards provide a level of safety generally equivalent to or greater than that provided under 46 CFR Parts 108 and 109.

[The Republic of Liberia MODU Requirements references \(a\) and \(b\) have been recognized by the USCG](#) as providing a level of safety generally equivalent to that provided under CFR 46 CFR 108 and 109.

This equivalency does not extend to any non-self-propelled MODU built or contracted on or after December 31, 1981, or any self-propelled MODU regardless of the built or contracted year.

Please refer to the attached letter of equivalency for further details on supplemental requirements.

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