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Notice of Availability: CG-ENG Policy Letter 02-12, Coast Guard Policy on 2009 MODU Code

The U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) has published a *Federal Register* notice announcing the availability of CG-ENG Policy Letter 02-12, "Acceptance of the 2009 MODU Code." On December 2, 2009, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted IMO Assembly Resolution A.1023(26), Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (2009 MODU Code). CG-ENG Policy Letter 02-12 establishes that the Coast Guard considers the design and equipment standards of the 2009 MODU Code to be at least as effective as the design and equipment standards of the 1979 and 1989 versions of the MODU Code. Therefore, an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) may consider a foreign documented MODU with a valid 2009 MODU Code Certificate issued by a flag state or its authorized agent to comply with 33 CFR 143.207(c) after confirming substantial compliance with the provisions of the 2009 MODU Code.

The Notice of Availability and CG-ENG Policy Letter 02-12 may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2012-0546.

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