Vessels subject to the Australian Offshore Petroleum Legislation

This Guidance Note is intended to assist participants in the Australian offshore petroleum industry establish if a vessel is subject to Schedule 3 of the Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety) Regulations 2009 (OPPGS(S) Regs) and equivalent State and Northern Territory legislation where powers have been conferred on NOPSEMA. If in doubt contact NOPSEMA to discuss.

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Is the vessel planned to be used ONLY as:
(a) An offtake tanker; or
(b) A supply vessel; and / or
(c) An anchor handler; and / or
(d) A tugboat?

**Yes**

The vessel will not be a facility
See OPGGS Act Schedule 3, clause 4(6)

**No**

The vessel will not be a facility
See OPGGS Act Schedule 3, clause 4(1)(b)

Is the vessel planned to be used at a site in Commonwealth waters to undertake one or more of the following activities?
(a) Providing accommodation for persons working on a facility
(b) Drilling or servicing a well for petroleum or do work associated with the drilling or servicing process
(c) Laying pipes for petroleum, including any manufacturing of such pipes, or doing work on an existing pipe
(d) Erecting, dismantling or decommissioning of a facility

**Yes**

The vessel will be an associated offshore place
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulations 1.7(1) & 1.7(2)
Activities to be addressed in host facility safety case
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulation 2.44

Is the vessel currently located at a site in Commonwealth waters being used, or prepared for use at that site?

**Yes**

The vessel will be a facility
Operator nomination, scope of validation & safety case required
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulations 2.1, 2.24 & 2.44

Is the vessel currently located at a site in Commonwealth waters being used, or prepared for use at that site?

**No**

The vessel will not be an associated offshore place
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulations 1.6

The vessel will not be a facility while only undertaking these activities
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulation 1.6

Is the vessel planned to be used to:
(a) Support a diving operation that relates to: inspection, cleaning, non-disturbing span rectification (for example, grout bagging), the operation of a valve, the recovery of debris, valve control unit change out or the removal of weight coating from a pipe before hydro-testing
(b) Be a dumb barge that is 'hipped-up' to a facility?

**Yes**

Will a [production] facility [or part thereof] be causing a risk (other than an ordinary marine risk) to the vessel or persons on the vessel?

**Yes**

The vessel will not be subject to Schedule 3 of the OPGGS Act or OPGGS(S) Regs

**No**

The vessel will be an associated offshore place
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulations 1.7(1) & 1.7(2)
Activities to be addressed in host facility safety case
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulation 2.44

Is the vessel currently located at a site in Commonwealth waters being used, or prepared for use at that site?

**No**

The vessel will not be subject to Schedule 3 of the OPGGS Act or OPGGS(S) Regs

**Yes**

The vessel will be a facility
Operator nomination, scope of validation & safety case required
See OPGGS(S) Regs Regulations 2.1, 2.24 & 2.44

The vessel will be a facility

Compliance with duties of an operator and safety case required
See OPGGS Act Schedule 3, clause 9 & OPGGS(S) Regs Regulations 2.45 & 2.48

If

- The vessel will not be a facility nor an associated offshore place and will not be subject to Schedule 3 of the OPGGS Act or OPGGS(S) Regs
- The vessel will be a facility
- The vessel will be an associated offshore place
- The vessel will not be a facility while only undertaking these activities
- Is the vessel planned to be used to:
  - Support a diving operation that relates to: inspection, cleaning, non-disturbing span rectification (for example, grout bagging), the operation of a valve, the recovery of debris, valve control unit change out or the removal of weight coating from a pipe before hydro-testing; and / or
  - Be a dumb barge that is 'hipped-up' to a facility?

**Yes**

The vessel will not be subject to Schedule 3 of the OPGGS Act or OPGGS(S) Regs

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