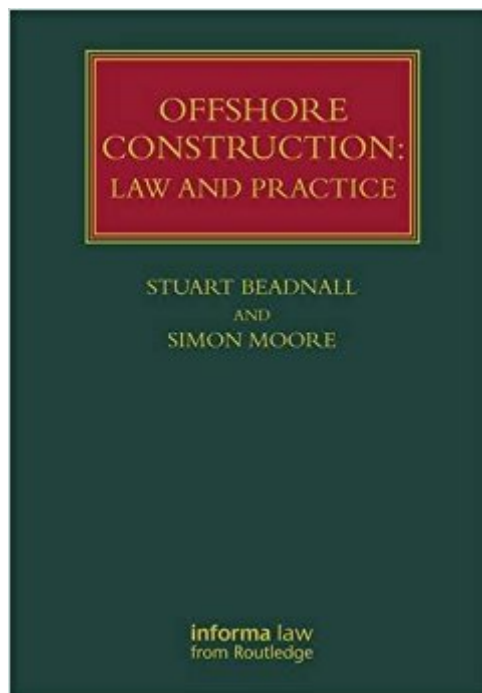




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With thirty per cent of the world's oil and gas production coming from offshore areas, the construction of specialist vessels to perform offshore operations is a crucial part of the industry. However, with exploration and production being performed in increasingly exacting locations, the scope for disputes arising from cost overruns, scheduling delays and technical difficulties is immense. In the absence of legal precedent, this ground-breaking title provides practical guidance on avoiding and resolving disputes in the construction of offshore units and vessels, including FPSOs, drilling units, OSVs and fixed platforms. Written by a leading team at Stephenson Harwood, this book covers the entire construction process from initial concept right through to installation, at each stage commenting on typical contract terms and offering expert advice based on real-life examples. Key topics include: Design risk Changes to the work Consequences of delay Acceptance Tests Termination Dispute resolution This unique text will be of enormous assistance both to legal practitioners and offshore construction professionals including project managers, financiers, insurers, and sub-contractors.

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A UNIQUE WORK OF REFERENCE ON THE LEGAL COMPLEXITIES OF OFFSHORE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of

Richmond Green Chambers

There are many kinds of ships and an almost infinite variety of

construction projects. But under what category would you place an offshore construction project

and under what category of law? The answer is rather important if you happen to be a

practitioner dealing with such a project and having to draft the construction contract. If so, your first

port of call for clear, authoritative and erudite advice on this and related matters would be this book

by Stuart Beadnall and Simon Moore. It would be entirely appropriate to call this a specialist legal

textbook, for offshore construction is a specialist area of construction and engineering which could

well be the province of the construction lawyer but, actually, it isn't. The authors Beadnall

and Moore explain in the acknowledgements that in the opinion of industry insiders their industry is

unique for a number of reasons. An offshore construction, whatever function it serves is not a ship

nor, in their words, a floating form of offshore building. It is (instead) a specialist area

of marine construction in its own right, they add, but one that survives without the

benefit of standard contracts, nor any body of law specifically concerning offshore construction

contracts. Small wonder that in the opinion of C W Chung -- who served as Executive Vice

President of Daewoo Heavy Industries, (a leading provider of offshore oil and gas units) -- and who

commissioned this book, a legal textbook focusing entirely on offshore construction contracts

is long overdue. This then is a pioneering work in this field and as such, an important

addition to Lloyd's Shipping Law Library published by Informa Law from Routledge. Having

defined what an offshore construction project is, the authors describe the book as concerned

with contracts for designing, building and installing units or platforms or vessels or facilities, for the

exploration, development, production and decommissioning of offshore oil and gas fields.

Referring to the long list of challenges inherent in building an offshore facility, including

technological and commercial challenges, as well as fluctuations in market conditions, the need to

innovate and the possibility that things may go wrong, the book is also focused inevitably on

disputes. Logically organised over eighteen chapters, the book covers, one would assume, every

conceivable aspect concerning the law and practice of offshore construction, from tendering and

negotiating contracts, to design risk, subcontracting and delay, to a host of other issues, including

defects, termination, insurance, transport and installation and much more. The final chapter deals

with dispute resolution procedures and there is a special chapter on intellectual property rights. What

particularly distinguishes the book is the clarity of explanation and analysis throughout. One tends to wonder why more legal texts aren't written with a similarly plain-speaking approach. Note also that the authors focus primarily on English law which, as they say, remains the common choice of law for offshore construction contracts. Easy to use, with a detailed table of contents and numbered paragraphs, the book excels as a work of reference, with extensive footnoting and tables of cases and legislation. There can't be a shipping practitioner anywhere who wouldn't benefit from acquiring a copy. The publication date is cited as at 2017.

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