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## Foreword

The *ABS Guide for Building and Classing Semi-submersible Heavy Lift Vessels* contains requirements for vessels specially designed and equipped to load/ unload heavy deck cargoes by temporarily submerging their load lines (hence the name Semi-submersible) and thereafter transport these cargoes.

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