

Application of the Jones Act to Floating Offshore Wind



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With 80 percent of the world's wind resources in deep water, the future of offshore wind power generation is in floating offshore wind turbines (often abbreviated FOWT). Because this is a relatively new technology, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has not yet had the occasion to issue any rulings regarding floating offshore wind turbines in federal waters (generally, beyond three nautical miles from the U.S. coast). Here, we examine CBP's existing rulings and guidance to determine how the Jones Act may apply to floating offshore wind turbines.

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