

Customs Issues Jones Act Wind Farm Ruling



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Earlier this week, Customs and Border Protection publicly issued a ruling regarding the application of the Jones Act to the installation of an offshore wind farm. The ruling, dated February 24, 2011, indicates that a foreign-flag jack up vessel can be utilized to install turbines on jacket foundations already connected to the seabed in U.S. waters. The ruling further points out that turbines coming from U.S. ports would have to be transported to the jack up vessel via Jones Act qualified U.S.-flag vessels. Turbines coming from abroad can be transported in foreign-flag vessels.”

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