

Table 5
MODU (Mobile Offshore Drilling Units) in the World

	Ships	Semi-sub s	Jack-ups	Submersibles
World Total	58	171	415	36
Owned by E.C. principals*	10	44	43	—
Belgium	—	1	—	—
Denmark	2	4	14	—
France	5	20	14	—
Italy	—	4	4	—
The Netherlands	1	2	4	—
Spain	—	—	1	—
U.K.	2	13	6	—

* Many are "flagged out", e.g., to Panama.

Table 6

MODU (Mobile Offshore Drilling Units) in the E.C.

	Ships	Semi-sub s	Jack-ups	Submersibles
E.C. Waters Total	—	50	49	—
Owned by E.C. principals*	—	30	21	—
Belgium	—	1	—	—
Denmark	—	3	8	—
France	—	11	3	—
Italy	—	2	1	—
The Netherlands	—	1	4	—
U.K.	—	12	5	—

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3.4 Import Strategies

In offshore oil and gas, any historic E.C. import strategy trends will be drastically changed by new legislation.

It appears that offshore E.C. oil and gas contracts are being treated as subject to the E.C. Utilities Directive, to be incorporated within the legislation of E.C. countries by the end of 1992.

The rules are intended to ensure that purchasing in these sectors is conducted on the basis of fair value for money, not national identity of individual