

### Agreement reforming the Guidelines on Industrial Safety, Operational Safety, and Environmental Protection for the Operation of Natural Gas Liquefaction Facilities

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On May 21, 2025, the Agency for Safety, Energy and Environment (“ASEA”) enacted the [Agreement through which the title is reformed, and various articles of the Administrative Provisions of General Nature that establish the Guidelines on Industrial Safety, Operational Safety and Environmental Protection for the Design, Construction, Pre-commissioning, Operation and Maintenance, Closure, Dismantling and Abandonment of Natural Gas Liquefaction Facilities are modified and repealed](#) (*Acuerdo por el cual se reforma la denominación, se modifican y derogan diversos artículos de las Disposiciones administrativas de carácter general que establecen los Lineamientos en materia de Seguridad Industrial, Seguridad Operativa y Protección al Medio Ambiente para el Diseño, Construcción, Pre-arranque, Operación y Mantenimiento, Cierre, Desmantelamiento y Abandono de las Instalaciones de Licuefacción de Gas Natural*). Through this Agreement, the official title of the Administrative Provisions of General Nature (“DACGs”) was amended, as well as their content, with the aim of simplifying and, where appropriate, eliminating procedures contained in the applicable provisions.

Below are the main elements and scope of the Agreement.

#### **I. New title and regulatory approach**

The Agreement amends the official title of the DACGs, removing references to the Closure, Dismantling, and Abandonment stages. They are now titled:

Administrative Provisions of General Nature that establish the Guidelines on Industrial Safety, Operational Safety, and Environmental Protection for the Design, Construction, Pre-commissioning, Operation, and Maintenance of Natural Gas Liquefaction Facilities (*Disposiciones Administrativas de Carácter General que establecen los Lineamientos en materia de Seguridad Industrial, Seguridad Operativa y Protección al Medio Ambiente para el Diseño, Construcción, Pre-arranque, Operación y Mantenimiento de las Instalaciones de Licuefacción de Gas Natural*).

This change reflects a shift in regulatory focus, concentrating normative obligations on the operational stages and excluding the final stages.

## **II. Relevant regulatory amendments**

Among the main changes are:

The purpose of the Guidelines is clarified, focusing exclusively on the stages of design, construction, pre-commissioning, operation, and maintenance, expressly excluding closure, dismantling, and abandonment.

The obligation for Regulated Entities to keep on site, throughout the project's life cycle, the Design and Pre-commissioning Reports, as well as the Operation and Maintenance Report, is maintained. The latter must be obtained within three months following the completion of the project's first year of operation and must be kept for a minimum of five years.

It is worth noting that the provisions establishing specific obligations for the Closure, Dismantling, and Abandonment stages, such as the submission of programs, reports, technical evaluations, and preservation of evidence for up to ten years, are repealed.

As a result, documentary obligations are limited to the design, pre-commissioning, and initial operation stages, in accordance with the current articles.

Reports issued under the previous framework concerning abandonment will be recognized until the end of their validity.

As of the entry into force of the Agreement, which was on May 22, 2025, for the closure, dismantling, and/or abandonment stages, Regulated Entities must comply with the specific provisions applicable to such phases, issued on Industrial Safety, Operational Safety, and Environmental Protection for the Closure, Dismantling, and/or Abandonment of Hydrocarbons Sector Facilities, or those that may replace them.

## **III. Conclusions**

The regulatory scope applicable to natural gas liquefaction facilities is redefined, concentrating regulation on operational stages and excluding the final phases of the life cycle. In this context, Regulated Entities must adjust their compliance in accordance with the new Guidelines, ensuring documentary preservation of the required reports. For projects in closure or abandonment

stages, it will be necessary to comply with the general regulation issued by ASEA applicable to those phases.

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