



**Chief Safety Officer Decision**  
**(Application for Substitution, Equivalency, or Exemption)**

**Date:** 2021-Feb-18 | 11:40:37 AM NST

**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2021-RQ-0005

**Applicant:** Stena Drilling Ltd.

**Applicant Reference:** SFO-RQ-20-019

**Installation Name:** MV Stena Forth

**Authority:** *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act, subsection 151(1) & section 205.069*  
  
*Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act, subsection 146(1) and section 201.66*

**Regulation:** *Subsection 21(a) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations*


**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner of the *Stena Forth*, proposal to use *The Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1999*, which implement the *Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGS)* for the Installation's navigation lighting and sound signal systems in lieu of the requirements of *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations Section 21(a)*, which states every installation shall be equipped with the navigation lights and sound signal systems that are required by the *Collision Regulations*, as if the installation were a Canadian vessel.

This Decision is effective from the date of issuance herein until the earlier of:

- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or
- b) the date on which the CSO and /or CCO (as applicable) revokes this Decision as a result of i) any enforcement action by the Board related to this Decision or ii) new information or analysis coming to light challenging the assessment upon which this Decision was based, including but not limited to any changes to commitments made by the Applicant in its application.

For greater certainty, Chief Safety Officer will no longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

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Chief Safety Officer