

<u>Chief Safety Officer Decision</u> (Application for Substitution, Equivalency, or Exemption)

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C-NLOPB Reference: 2021-RQ-0023

Applicant: Stena Drilling Ltd.

Applicant Reference: SFO-RQ-20-021

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: Subsections 23(2)(c)(k)(p)(t) of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum*

Installations Regulations

Decision:

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner of the MV-Stena Forth, use of IMO SOLAS, Moducode 1989, DNV-OS-0301: Fire Protection, and Norwegian Rules NMD-MOU 227/84, Section 20, Fire Integrity of Bulkheads and Decks for passive fire protection in the accommodation areas in lieu of the requirements in Subsections 23(2)(c)(k)(p) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations. The Chief Safety Officer also approves the drilling mast and connections to the main deck not being provided with specific passive fire protection in lieu of the requirements in Subsection 23(2)(t) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations.

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- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or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, the 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longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

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