



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

**Date:** 2021-Mar-25 | 1:00:25 PM NDT

**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2021-RQ-0026

**Applicant:** Stena Drilling

**Applicant Reference:** SFO-RQ-020-052 Rev 1

**Installation Name:** 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) & section 201.66*

**Regulation:** *Section 22(1)(a)(2)(h) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations*

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner of the *Stena Forth*, use of the existing lifeboat arrangement which is compliant with the requirements of SOLAS, the IMO MODU Code and accepted by the Flag State and Class, in lieu of the requirements in Subsection 22 of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations requirements relating to the capacity and distribution of lifeboats subject to the following conditions:

1. confirmation of the completion of a drill that incorporates both the capacity changes and scenario where lifeboats are unavailable on one side
2. confirmation that relevant postings have been installed onboard to reflect and communicate the de-rating of evacuation equipment
3. provision of an updated and endorsed Fire Control & Safety Plan

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- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or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longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

DocuSigned by:

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Chief Safety Officer