

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

**Date:** 16 December 2019

**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2019-RQ-0054

**Applicant:** Stena Drilling Limited

**Applicant Reference:** SIM-RQ-019-009-Rev1

**Installation Name:** MV Stena IceMAX

**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 10(9)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Installation Regulations*

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer accepts the Applicant's, the owner for the Stena IceMAX, proposal to use alternative methods of preventing gas ingress in the accommodation block in accordance with *DNVGL Offshore Service Specifications and Standards OSS-101, OS-A101- Rules for the Classification of Offshore Drilling and Support Units (April 2004)* and *DNVGL-OS-A101-Safety Principals and Arrangements (October 2002)* in lieu of airlock arrangements as required by the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Installation Regulations 10(9)(b)*.

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

- the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or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longer have authority under the Accord Acts to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

  
Chief Safety Officer