
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive)
(Safety Case etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Establishment of verification scheme

9.—(1) The duty holder shall establish a scheme (a “verification scheme”) for ensuring, by the means described in paragraph (2), that the safety and environmental-critical elements and the specified plant—

- (a) are or, where they remain to be provided, will be suitable; and
- (b) where they have been provided, remain in good repair and condition.

(2) The means are—

- (a) examination, including testing where appropriate, of the safety and environmental-critical elements and the specified plant by a verifier;
- (b) examination of any design, specification, certificate, CE marking or other document, marking or standard relating to those elements or that plant by a verifier;
- (c) examination by a verifier of work in progress;
- (d) the creation of reports by a verifier on—
 - (i) the examination and testing carried out;
 - (ii) the findings; and
 - (iii) any remedial action recommended;
- (e) the taking of appropriate action by the duty holder following a report;
- (f) the making of a note of action taken by the duty holder following a report;
- (g) the reporting by a verifier to the duty holder of any instances of non-compliance of the duty holder with the standards of the scheme;
- (h) the taking of other such steps as may be provided for pursuant to regulation 10 and Part 1 of Schedule 5; and
- (i) the taking of any steps incidental to the means described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g).

(3) The duty holder shall ensure that—

- (a) the verification scheme is drawn up by or in consultation with the verifier and recorded in writing; and
- (b) a note is made of any reservation expressed by the verifier as to the content of the scheme in the course of drawing it up.

(4) The duty holder shall—

- (a) produce a written record of the safety and environmental-critical elements and the specified plant;
- (b) invite comment on the record by a verifier; and
- (c) make a note of any reservation expressed by a verifier as to the contents of the record.

- (5) The duties in paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) shall be completed—
- (a) in the case of a production installation, before completion of its design; and
 - (b) in the case of a non-production installation, before it is moved into external waters with a view to its being operated there.