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The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015

Establishment of verification scheme

9.—(1) The duty holder must 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 4; and
 - (i) the taking of any steps incidental to the means described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g).
- (3) The duty holder must 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 must—
- (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) must 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.