



# OSPAR Recommendation 2021/07 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2003/05 to Promote the Use and Implementation of Environmental Management Systems by the Offshore Industry

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**RECALLING** OSPAR Recommendation 2003/05 to Promote the Use and Implementation of Environmental Management Systems by the Offshore Industry;

**WISHING** to up-date OSPAR Recommendation 2003/05 to Promote the Use and Implementation of Environmental Management Systems by the Offshore Industry;

**The Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic RECOMMEND:**

## 1. Purpose and Scope

1.1. The purpose of this Recommendation is to amend and update Recommendation 2003/05 to Promote the Use and Implementation of Environmental Management Systems by the Offshore Industry.

## 2. Provisions

### Preamble

2.1 In the Preamble of Recommendation 2003/05, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

RECALLING ALSO the vision and objectives of the OSPAR North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy ("the Strategy").

2.2 In the Preamble of Recommendation 2003/05, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

RECOGNISING ALSO that:

- a. all operators already have had systems in place for many years in relation to health, safety and environmental management;
- b. such environmental management systems contain many of the elements of the most recently introduced internationally recognised standards such as:
  - (i) ISO 14001: 2015 environmental management systems - specifications with guidance for use;

- (ii) Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council allowing voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS); and
  - (iii) corresponding legislation of other Contracting Parties.
- c. international industrial guidelines for establishing environmental management systems have been published by the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP);

### **Section 1 (Definitions)**

2.3 In Section 1 (Definitions) of Recommendation 2003/05, the definition of environmental goal is amended as follows:

‘environmental goal’ means a performance objective, quantified and measurable, where practicable, including those established under the Strategy;

### **Section 2 (Purpose and Scope)**

2.4 In Section 2 (Purpose and Scope) of Recommendation 2003/05, paragraph 2.1 is replaced by the following:

The purpose of this Recommendation is to promote the use and implementation by the offshore oil and gas industry of environmental management mechanisms which are designed to achieve the environmental goals established in fulfilment of the objectives of the Strategy and continual improvement in environmental performance. These mechanisms should include elements for auditing and reporting.

2.5 In Section 2 (Purpose and Scope) of Recommendation 2003/05, paragraph 2.3 is replaced by the following:

The goal of this Recommendation is that all operators within Contracting Parties' jurisdiction in the maritime area should have in place Environmental Management Systems that are in accordance with the principles of internationally recognised standards.

### **Section 3 (Programmes and Measures)**

2.6 In Section 3 (Programmes and Measures) of Recommendation 2003/05, paragraph 3.2 is replaced by the following:

These Environmental Management Systems should be designed to achieve:

- a. the environmental goals of the prevention and elimination of pollution from offshore sources and of the protection and conservation of the maritime area against other adverse effects of offshore activities;
- b. continual improvement in environmental performance;

and more generally to achieve the objectives of the Strategy.

2.7 In Section 3 (Programmes and Measures) of Recommendation 2003/05, the last sentence in paragraph 3.5 is deleted.

## **Section 5 (Implementation Report)**

2.8 In Section 5 (Implementation Report) of Recommendation 2003/05, paragraph 5.1 is replaced by the following:

Contracting Parties with offshore installations should report every four years on the implementation of this Recommendation using, as far as possible, the format as set out in Appendix 1.

2.9 In Section 5 (Implementation Report) of Recommendation 2003/05, paragraph 5.2 is deleted.

### **Appendix 1**

2.10 In Appendix 1 of Recommendation 2003/05, the first row in the table of Section II (Implementation Report on Effectiveness) is amended as:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
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## **3. Entry into force**

3.1 This Recommendation has effect from 1 January 2022.