

**To all Offshore Duty Holders/Vessel/MODU Operators:**

**1 September 2025**

**Helideck Monitoring Systems (HMS) – Rev.9c Upgrade.**


The following has been agreed by the UK Helideck Technical Committee comprising UK CAA, HCA, HSE and the UK helicopter operators.

**Compliance date** – as a result of unavoidable delays in completing some Rev.9b upgrades, the 01 October 2024 compliance date stated in CAP 437 9<sup>th</sup> Edition has been changed to 01 October 2025 in the update to CAP 437 (9<sup>th</sup> Edition Amendment 1) presently awaiting publication.

**Enforcement** – for most vessels, Rev.9c comprises a relatively minor HMS software update aimed at ‘sweeping up’ a number of issues identified during the approval and installation of Rev.9b HMS. As such, the update is regarded as best industry practise and, unlike the Rev.9b upgrade, is not a formal legal requirement at this time. Some flexibility in compliance can therefore be allowed without the need for dispensations.

**Procedure** (NB: This may be completed by your HMS Provider on your behalf) – if your HMS will not be upgraded by 01 October 2025, please advise HCA ([info@helidecks.org](mailto:info@helidecks.org)) as soon as possible when the work is expected to be completed. When it has been completed, the documentation (e.g. the HMS Provider’s Site Acceptance Test (SAT)) should be forwarded to HCA. On acceptance of the documentation by HCA, the vessel’s plate will be annotated “HMS Rev.9c (provisional)”. The vessel will be deemed fully compliant once the HCA has performed its own SAT which will entail a site visit and will include an audit of the Met equipment. The vessel will be considered fully compliant once the HCA SAT has been satisfactorily completed.

Regards  
For and behalf of HCA



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