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Exemption of tug-boat HELIOS

To Whom It May Concern,

After considering the proposal submitted and carefully considering all the arguments, Estonian Transport Administration is exempting tug-boat HELIOS (IMO 9875886) from the carriage of Rescue Boat required under §28 (4) of the Regulation No. 233, dated 29th of March, 2003, of the Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Estonia “Ship Safety Requirements”, provided that:

1. The tug is a rescue boat itself and highly maneuverable with construction that the freeboard doesn't exceed 1,5 meters;
2. The vessel is arranged to allow a helpless person to be recovered from the water in a horizontal or near-horizontal body position. For this purpose approved manually deployed man overboard retrieval device is required as an alternative device for Rescue Boat;
3. Arrangements and equipment on board shall ensure that finding and recovery of the helpless person can be observed from navigating bridge in daylight and during night-time;
4. The ship has to be equipped with immersion suit/suits to assist in rescue operations.

This exemption is valid until 28.04.2026.

Yours sincerely

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