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What Happened?

Footage has been shared of an offshore installation on a social media platform, believed to have been filmed using a face mounted personal electronic device.

Footage was recorded on a helicopter flight and outside of accommodation module which is out with mobilisation & control of work procedures.

Use of Smart Phones or Other Filming devices offshore

These devices must not be worn, activated, or used in flight or offshore outside of the accommodation, unless authorised or permitted.

This includes any form of filming, photography, or live streaming using smart glasses, smart phones, or other devices, particularly where content could be posted on social media platforms including TikTok, Instagram or Facebook.

Filming or sharing footage of offshore assets without expressed permission is a potential security breach and could also breach contractual obligations with clients and regulators.

Smart Glasses shall not be permitted offshore.

What this means for offshore personnel:

Do not bring smart glasses or similar wearable devices when traveling offshore

If found in possession of such devices during check-in or pre-flight checks, you may be delayed from mobilising to your offshore role

No unauthorised filming outside the accommodation using Personal Electronic Devices with filming capability

This restriction is in place to:

Protect the safety and privacy of the workforce

Prevent the unauthorized use of non intrinsically safe (IS) equipment offshore maintaining process safety integrity

Prevent the unintentional release of commercially sensitive or security-critical information

Maintain compliance with existing Social Media and Personal Electronic Devices policies



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Useful links / further resources:

- Animated moment—Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs) Offshore helicopter flights (MP4)
- Portable Electronic Devices Guidance document (PDF)
- Portable Electronic Devices Guidance FAQs (PDF)
- Portable Electronic Devices Guidance Leaflet (PDF)