

Shipowner to install passive maritime technologies on new vessels

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FOR systems gaining attention with major players of the maritime industry (Photo courtesy of Maritime Passive Safety)

French ship owner **Louis Dreyfus Armateurs (LDA)** will have Fast Oil Recovery Systems (FOR) installed on eight of its future vessels, in order to prevent accidental maritime pollution, according to **Maritime Passive Safety**.

FOR Systems are onboard circuits that provide standardised, simple and rapid access to pollutants carried in the tanks of ships.

The system helps ships that have suffered from pollution accidents to recover pollutants faster, which in turn helps to avoid oil spills.

The installation of FOR Systems for LDA's eight new ships will raise the level of environmental safety.

According to a press release, LDA's order highlights the major players of the shipping industry's growing interest for passive maritime safety technologies.

Passive maritime safety is a new industry which involves equipment service providers, public bodies and equipment manufacturers of the maritime industry working together to limit the ecological accidents at sea.

The emerging approach recently received attention with the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** where passive maritime technologies and services were included in discussions about maritime transport in polar regions.

"Louis Dreyfus Armateurs confirms its commitment to encouraging the world of shipping to pay more attention to the risk of accidental pollution at sea," said Gilles Longuève, President of the Maritime Passive Safety Association and General Manager of JLMD Ecologic System.

"Today, FOR Systems provide effective solutions for avoiding pollution and we are delighted that shipowners and builders are working together to make our seas cleaner."

China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC) will be installing the FOS systems to eight of LDA's bulk carriers.

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