

Schiebel Camcopter S-100 to aid Finnish Coast Guard



The Finnish Border Guard has announced it is going to start to operate the Camcopter S-100 for maritime surveillance purposes, including search and rescue, monitoring and surveillance, ship and port security, vessel traffic, environmental protection and response, ship casualty assistance, as well as accident and disaster response

The Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) service is offered by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and will also extend to Estonia and Sweden. The Camcopter® S-100 will support the Finnish authorities in carrying out Coast Guard functions as detailed above using an L3 Wescam Electro-Optical / Infra-Red (EO/IR) camera gimbal, an Overwatch Imaging PT-8 Oceanwatch, a Becker Avionics BD406 Emergency Beacon Locator and an Automatic Identification System (AIS) receiver. EMSA awarded the multi-year maritime surveillance contract for a Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) RPAS to Schiebel in November 2018.

The contract states that Schiebel will provide simultaneous maritime surveillance services to several EU member states and EU bodies. Currently, the Camcopter® S-100 is also operational in the Republic of Croatia, supporting the Maritime Safety Directorate of the Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia. Hans Georg Schiebel, Chairman of the Schiebel Group, said: "The S-100 has extensive experience in the maritime domain. It is the UAS of choice when it comes to sophisticated maritime surveillance. We're proud to be EMSA's chosen RPAS providing vital surveillance services to its member states."