STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 966

OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

The Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 2) Order 1977

Made - - -	*2nd June* 1977
Laid before Parliament	*8th June* 1977
Coming into Operation	*3rd June* 1977

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 2(1) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in him(**b**), hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 2) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 3rd June 1977.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this Article, for the purpose of protecting the offshore installations designated in the Schedule hereto ships are hereby prohibited from entering, without the consent of the Secretary of State, those areas (hereinafter referred to as "safety zones") specified in the said Schedule (being parts of areas designated by Orders in Council made under section 1 (7) of the Act).

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Article shall apply to prohibit a ship from entering a safety zone:

(*a*) in connection with the laying, inspection, testing, repair, alteration, renewal or removal of any submarine cable or pipe-line in or near that safety zone;

(*b*) to provide services for, to transport persons or goods to or from, or under the authority of a government department to inspect, an installation in that safety zone;

(*c*) if it is a ship belonging to a general lighthouse authority and it enters to perform duties relating to the safety of navigation;

(*d*) when carrying out movements with a view to saving or attempting to save life or property;

(*e*) owing to stress of weather; or

(*f*) when in distress.

John Cunningham,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Energy.

2nd June 1977.

(**a**) 1964 c. 29.
(**b**) S.I. 1969/1498, 1970/1537 (1969 III, p. 4797; 1970 III, p. 5293).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE

Safety Zones

The areas within a radius of 500 metres of each of the points having the co-ordinates of latitude and longitude according to European Datum (1950) set out in columns 1 and 2 of the table below in respect of the offshore installations the names or other designations of which are respectively set opposite those co-ordinates in column 3 of the said table.

Table

1 Latitude North	2 Longitude East	3 Name or other designation of offshore installation
61° 22′ 40″	01° 36′ 21″	211/18 Thistle —SPM
60° 48′ 20″	01° 26′ 59″	3/8 Ninian —South
60° 57′ 14″	00° 56′ 21″	2/5 Heather —A

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order specifies as safety zones certain sea areas (being areas within a radius of 500 metres of certain offshore installations) and prohibits ships from entering such zones except with the permission of the Secretary of State or in the circumstances provided for in Article 2(2).

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