STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 733

OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

The Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 3) Order 1978

Made - - - -	18*th May* 1978
Laid before Parliament	18*th May* 1978
Coming into Operation	19*th May* 1978

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. 3) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 19th May 1978.

(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 installation described in the Schedule hereto, ships are hereby prohibited from entering, without the consent of the Secretary of State, that area (hereinafter referred to as a "safety zone") specified in the said Schedule (being a part of an area designated by an Order 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 offshore 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;

(a) 1964 c. 29. (b) S.I. 1969/1498, 1970/1537. (c) 1889 c. 63

(*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.

18th May 1978.

SCHEDULE

AREA SPECIFIED AS A SAFETY ZONE

The area within a radius of 500 metres of the point 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 installation the name or other designation of which is set opposite those co-ordinates in column 3 of the said table.

TABLE

1	2	3
Latitude North	Longitude East	Name or other designation of the offshore installation
60° 51′ 25″	01° 28′ 08″	3/3 Ninian Central

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

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

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