STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 712

OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

The Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) Order 1977

Made - - - -	21*st April* 1977
Laid before Parliament	21*st April* 1977
Coming into Operation	22*nd April* 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) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 22nd April 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, ships are prohibited from entering, without the consent of the Secretary of State, those areas (hereinafter referred to as "safety zones") specified in the Schedule hereto (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.

J. Dickson Mabon,
Minister of State,
Department of Energy.

21st April 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 following co-ordinates of latitude and longitude according to European Datum (1950) set out respectively in columns 3 and 4 of the table below.

Table

	Name or other designation of offshore installation	European Datum (1950) Latitude North	Longitude East
1.	49/23-C	53° 18′ 26″	02° 34′ 01″
2.	9/13-Beryl-A flare structure	59° 32′ 48″	01° 32′ 03″

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 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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