STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 1278

OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 2024

Made - - - - 3rd December 2024

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Secretary of State makes this Order—

(a) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Petroleum Act 1987(**a**); and

(b) for the purpose of giving effect to proposals submitted by the Health and Safety Executive under section 24(2A)(**b**) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 2024.

(2) This Order comes into force 21 days after the day on which it is made ("the general coming into force date"), except for article 2(1), which comes into force as provided in article 2(2).

Establishment of safety zone

2.—(1) A safety zone is established around the installation specified in column 1 of the table in the Schedule (being an installation to be stationed in waters to which subsection (7) of section 21 of the Petroleum Act 1987 applies) having a radius of 500 metres, as respects that installation, from the point which has the co-ordinates of latitude and longitude according to the World Geodetic System 1984(**c**) specified in columns 2 and 3 of the table in the Schedule.

(2) Paragraph (1) comes into force, as respects the installation—

(a) on the general coming into force date, where the installation arrives at its station before that date; and

(b) when the installation arrives at its station, in any other case.

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1997

3.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1997(**d**) is amended as follows.

(**a**) 1987 c. 12.

(**b**) Section 24(2A) was inserted by S.I. 1993/1823 and amended by S.I. 2008/960.

(**c**) The World Geodetic System 1984 ("WGS 84") defines a reference frame for the Earth, for use in geodesy and navigation. It was developed by the United States' National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and is maintained by it. WGS 84 is defined at paragraph 2.1 of the NGA Standardization Document, Department of Defense, World Geodetic System 1984 (updated 8 July 2014) (https://earth-info.nga.mil/index.php?dir=wgs84&action=wgs84#tab_wgs84-res). Hard-copies are available upon request from the offices of the Health and Safety Executive, Aberdeen International Business Park (AIBP), Building 2, Level 1, Dyce Drive, Dyce, Aberdeen AB21 0BR.

(**d**) S.I. 1997/735, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(2) In Schedule 1 (safety zones), omit the entry relating to "Curlew B—Wellhead".

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 3) Order 2000

4.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 3) Order 2000(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (safety zones), omit the entry relating to "Wellheads and manifold, Block 211, Don Field".

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 3) Order 2011

5.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 3) Order 2011(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (safety zone), omit the entry relating to "Athena Manifold Centre, Block 14/18b, Athena Field".

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 2016

6.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 2016(**c**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (installations), in Part 1, omit the entry relating to "Athena Riser Base, Block 14/18b, Athena Field".

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2023

7.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2023(**d**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (installations), omit the entry relating to "Schooner, Schooner, Block 44/26a".

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Stephen Timms
Minister of State
Department for Work and Pensions

3rd December 2024

(**a**) S.I. 2000/2846.
(**b**) S.I. 2011/2228, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.
(**c**) S.I. 2016/623, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.
(**d**) S.I. 2023/838.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

INSTALLATION

(1) Name or other designation	*(2) Latitude*	*(3) Longitude*
Victory Development, Victory Field, Block 207/1a	60° 58.10’N	01° 54.61’W

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order establishes, under section 22 of the Petroleum Act 1987 (c. 12) ("the Act"), a safety zone, having a radius of 500 metres from the specified point, around the installation (which is a subsea installation) specified in the Schedule to this Order, to be stationed in waters to which section 21(7) of the Act applies (these include territorial waters and waters in areas designated under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 (c. 29)).

Section 23(1) of the Act prohibits vessels, which for these purposes include hovercraft, submersible apparatus and installations in transit, from entering or remaining in a safety zone except with the consent of the Health and Safety Executive or in accordance with regulations made under section 23(1) of the Act (currently regulation 21H of the Offshore Installations and Pipeline Works (Management and Administration) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/738), inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 13 to S.I. 2015/398).

The United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) publishes nautical charts covering the area in which installations are located, which include information on the existence and, where the scale allows, the location of safety zones (https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-hydrographic-office). Mariners are advised to keep paper charts up-to-date by using appropriate Notices to Mariners or, where electronic charts are used, to subscribe to an appropriate updating service. Vessels meeting the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 will carry nautical charts and nautical publications (such as Notices to Mariners) to plan and display the ship's route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage. This may be compulsory for some vessels, for example under the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/673). The UKHO also broadcasts Radio Navigational Warnings in relation to safety zones where updates to charts have yet to take effect and where installations are in transit.

Maritime safety information, which includes information on safety zones, is issued via the appropriate International Maritime Organisation, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System broadcast systems as defined by the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service.

Articles 3 to 7 remove five safety zones established under previous Orders.

It is estimated that the installation specified in the Schedule to this Order (Victory Development), which is not on station at the time of making the Order, will arrive at its station in April or May 2025.

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