STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 286

DEFENCE

The Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (Designation of Vessels and Controlled Sites) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*9th March 2026*
Coming into force - -	*30th March 2026*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986(**a**).

The vessels specified in Schedule 1 appear to the Secretary of State to fall within section 1(2)(a) and (3) of the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 ("the Act").

The areas specified in Schedule 2 appear to the Secretary of State to fall within section 1(2)(b) and (4) of the Act.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (Designation of Vessels and Controlled Sites) Order 2026 and comes into force on 30th March 2026.

(2) In this Order any reference to a point is a reference to a point given by co-ordinates based on the World Geodetic System 1984.

Designated vessels

2. Each of the vessels specified in Schedule 1 to this Order is designated as a vessel to which the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 applies.

Designated controlled sites

3. Each of the areas specified in Schedule 2 to this Order is designated as a controlled site.

Revocation

4. The Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (Designation of Vessels and Controlled Sites) Order 2019 ("previous designation Order")(**b**) is revoked.

(**a**) 1986 c. 35.
(**b**) S.I. 2019/1191.

Coaker
Minister of State
Ministry of Defence

9th March 2026

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

Designated vessels

	Name of vessel	Date of sinking (on or about)
(a)	Atlantic Conveyor	25th May 1982
(b)	HMS Aboukir	22nd September 1914
(c)	HMS Acheron	17th December 1940
(d)	HMS Albacore	9th March 1917
(e)	HMS Amphion	6th August 1914
(f)	HMHS Anglia	17th November 1915
(g)	HMS Ardent	31st May 1916
(h)	SS Armenian	28th June 1915
(i)	HMT Beech	22nd June 1941
(j)	HMS Black Prince	31st May 1916
(k)	HMS Blackwood	15th June 1944
(l)	HMS Boadicea	13th June 1944
(m)	HMS Bullen	6th December 1944
(n)	RFA Cairndale	30th May 1941
(o)	HMS Calgardian	1st March 1918
(p)	Chasseur 06	11th October 1940
(q)	Chasseur 07	11th October 1940
(r)	HMS Coquette	7th March 1916
(s)	RFA Creosol	7th February 1918
(t)	HMS Cressy	22nd September 1914
(u)	HMS Curacao	2nd October 1942
(v)	HMS C29	29th August 1915
(w)	HMS Defence	31st May 1916
(x)	HMS Delight	29th July 1940
(y)	RFA Dinsdale	31st May 1942
(z)	HMS Duke of Albany	26th August 1916
(aa)	HMS D5	3rd November 1914

	Name of vessel	Date of sinking (on or about)
(ab)	Emile Deschamps	4th June 1940
(ac)	HMS Exmoor	25th February 1941
(ad)	HMS E6	26th December 1915
(ae)	HMS E18	26th May 1916
(af)	HMS E47	20th August 1917
(ag)	HMS E49	12th March 1917
(ah)	HMS E50	31st January 1918
(ai)	HMS Falmouth	20th August 1916
(aj)	HMS Fisgard II	17th September 1914
(ak)	HMS Fitzroy	27th May 1942
(al)	HMS Fortuna	3rd April 1941
(am)	HMS Fortune	31st May 1916
(an)	HMS Gloucester	22nd May 1941
(ao)	HMS Ghurka	8th February 1917
(ap)	RFA Gray Ranger	22nd September 1942
(aq)	HMS G8	14th January 1918
(ar)	HMS Hawke	15th October 1914
(as)	HMS Hogue	22nd September 1914
(at)	HMS Hood	24th May 1941
(au)	RFA Hungerford	16th April 1918
(av)	HMS Indefatigable	31st May 1916
(aw)	RFA Industry	18th October 1918
(ax)	HMS Invincible	31st May 1916
(ay)	HMY Iolaire	1st January 1919
(az)	RFA Isleford	25th January 1942
(ba)	HMS Jason	3rd April 1917
(bb)	HMS Kale	27th March 1918
(bc)	HMS K4	31st January 1918
(bd)	HMS K17	31st January 1918
(be)	HMT Kurd	10th July 1945
(bf)	HMS Lady Patricia	20th May 1917
(bg)	HMS Laurentic	23rd January 1917
(bh)	HMS Loyalty	22nd August 1944

	Name of vessel	Date of sinking (on or about)
(bi)	HMS Lynx	9th August 1915
(bj)	HMS L24	10th January 1924
(bk)	HMS M1	12th November 1925
(bl)	HMS M2	26th January 1932
(bm)	SS Mendi	21st February 1917
(bn)	ML-247	29th September 1918
(bo)	HMS Moldavia	23rd May 1918
(bp)	RFA Montenol	1st May 1942
(bq)	HMS Mourne	15th June 1944
(br)	HMS Nestor	31st May 1916
(bs)	HMS Nomad	31st May 1916
(bt)	HMS Nottingham	19th August 1916
(bu)	HMS Pathfinder	5th September 1914
(bv)	HMS Patia	27th April 1941
(bw)	HMS Penylan	3rd December 1942
(bx)	HMS Pheasant	1st March 1917
(by)	HMS Prince of Wales	10th December 1941
(bz)	HMS Queen Mary	31st May 1916
(ca)	HMS Recruit	1st May 1915
(cb)	HMS Repulse	10th December 1941
(cc)	HMS Shark	31st May 1916
(cd)	HMS Sheffield	9th May 1982
(ce)	RFA Salviking	14th February 1944
(cf)	RFA Sir Galahad	25th June 1982
(cg)	RFA Slavol	26th March 1942
(ch)	HMS Sparrowhawk	31st May 1916
(ci)	SS Storaa	3rd November 1943
(cj)	HMS Swordfish	7th November 1940
(ck)	USCG Tampa	26th September 1918
(cl)	TB-10	10th June 1915
(cm)	TB-11	7th March 1916
(cn)	HMS Tipperary	31st May 1916
(co)	HMS Turbulent	31st May 1916

	Name of vessel	Date of sinking (on or about)
(cp)	HMT Ullswater	19th November 1942
(cq)	HMS Umpire	19th July 1941
(cr)	HMS Vandal	24th February 1943
(cs)	HMS Vervain	20th February 1945
(ct)	HMS Viknor	13th January 1915
(cu)	HMS Vortigern	15th March 1942
(cv)	HMS Warrior	31st May 1916
(cw)	HMS Warwick	20th February 1944
(cx)	the U-12	5th October 1939
(cy)	the U-87	25th December 1917
(cz)	the U-714	14th March 1945
(da)	the U-1018	27th February 1945
(db)	the U-1063	15th April 1945
(dc)	the UB-31	2nd May 1918
(dd)	the UB-41	5th October 1917
(de)	the UB-65	14th July 1918
(df)	the UB-75	10th December 1917
(dg)	the UB-78	19th April 1918
(dh)	the UB-107	28th July 1918
(di)	the UB-109	29th August 1918

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

Designated controlled sites

	Remains of vessels concerned	Area designated as controlled site	Latitude of relevant point	Longitude of relevant point
(a)	HMS Affray	Area situated within 400 metres from the relevant point	49°50.023′N.	02°34.533′W.
(b)	HMS A7	Area situated within 200 metres from the relevant point	50°18.518′N.	04°17.984′W.
(c)	HMS Bulwark	Area situated within 100 metres from the relevant point	51°25.392′N.	00°39.172′E.
(d)	HMS B2	Area situated within 300 metres from the relevant point	51°07.153′N.	01°27.587′E.

	Remains of vessels concerned	Area designated as controlled site	Latitude of relevant point	Longitude of relevant point
(e)	HMS Cobra	Area situated within 100 metres from the relevant point	53°27.00′N.	01°07.00′E.
(f)	HMS Dasher	Area situated within 200 metres from the relevant point	55°37.747′N.	05°00.953′W.
(g)	HMS Exmouth	Area situated within 750 metres from the relevant point	58°18.467′N.	02°28.938′W.
(h)	HMS Formidable	Area situated within 400 metres from the relevant point	50°13.179′N.	03°04.071′W.
(i)	HMS Hampshire	Area situated within 300 metres from the relevant point	59°07.065′N.	03°23.843′W.
(j)	HMS H5	Area situated within 300 metres from the relevant point	53°05.483′N.	04°41.975′W.
(k)	HMS Natal	Area situated within 100 metres from the relevant point	57°41.2415′N.	04°05.3207′W.
(l)	HMCS Regina	Area situated within 100 metres from the relevant point	50°42.769′N.	04°58.423′W.
(m)	HMS Royal Oak	Area situated within 350 metres from the relevant point	58°55.848′N.	02°59.001′W.
(n)	HMCS Trentonian	Area situated within 100 metres from the relevant point	50°7.037′N.	04°44.609′W.
(o)	the UB-81	Area situated within 250 metres from the relevant point	50°29.442′N.	00°58.351′W.
(p)	HMS Vanguard	Area situated within 350 metres from the relevant point	58°51.400′N.	03°06.405′W.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates vessels and controlled sites for protection under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 ("the Act").

Article 2 provides for, and Schedule 1 lists, the vessels designated as vessels to which the Act applies. This list includes all those vessels which were designated in the previous designation Order, and also includes the following vessels, which are designated as vessels for the first time under the Act: HMS Albacore, RFA Cairndale, HMS Coquette, RFA Dinsdale, Emile Deschamps, RFA Gray Ranger, HMS Hawke, RFA Hungerford, RFA Industry, HMS Jason, HMS Kale, RFA Montenol, ML-247, HMS Nottingham, HMS Recruit, RFA Salviking, RFA Slavol, USCG Tampa, TB-10, and TB-11.

Article 3 provides for, and Schedule 2 lists, the areas designated as controlled sites under the Act. This includes all those areas which were designated in the previous designation Order; for HMS Royal Oak and HMS Vanguard, the areas around them designated as a controlled site have been extended to 350 metres, and for HMS Natal the co-ordinates of the relevant point have been altered. Controlled sites have been designated for the first time for HMS Cobra, HMCS Regina, and HMCS Trentonian.

Article 4 revokes the previous designation Order.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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