



Employment (Continental Shelf) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 46

An Act to make provision for the application of certain enactments to employment connected with the exploration or exploitation of areas of the continental shelf adjacent to areas designated under the Continental Shelf Act 1964. [31st July 1978]

Commencement Information

II Act wholly in force at Royal Assent.

1 Powers to apply employment legislation.

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(2) In relation to employment concerned with the exploration or exploitation of a cross-boundary petroleum field, the powers to make Orders in Council under—

- (a) section 10(5) of the ^{M1}Sex Discrimination Act 1975, and
- (b) section 8(5) of the ^{M2}Race Relations Act 1976,

in respect of designated areas shall be exercisable also in respect of foreign sectors of the continental shelf.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(1) repealed (16. 10. 1992) by [Trade Union and Labour Relations \(Consolidation\) Act 1992 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 300(1), 302, [Sch.1](#).

Marginal Citations

M1 1975 c. 65.
M2 1976 c. 74.

2 Interpretation.

In section 1 above—

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“cross-boundary petroleum field” means a petroleum field that extends across the boundary between a designated area and a foreign sector of the continental shelf;

“designated area” means an area designated under section 1(7) of the ^{M3}Continental Shelf Act 1964;

“foreign sector of the continental shelf” means an area which is outside the territorial waters of any State and within which rights are exercisable by a State other than the United Kingdom with respect to the sea bed and subsoil and their natural resources;

“petroleum field” means a geological structure identified as an oil or gas field by the Order in Council concerned.

Marginal Citations

M3 1964 c. 29.

3 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Employment (Continental Shelf) Act 1978.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act repealed (prosp.) by [1998 c. 17 s. 51Sch. 5 Pt. 1](#)