

## 1975 No. 1708

## CONTINENTAL SHELF

## The Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Order 1975

*Made* - - - - - 22nd October 1975  
*Laid before Parliament* 29th October 1975  
*Coming into Operation* 20th November 1975

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of October 1975

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 3(2) and (4) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Order 1975 and shall come into force on 20th November 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Amendments to Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) Order 1968*

2. The Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) Order 1968(c), as amended (d), shall be further amended as follows:—

(a) in Article 3 thereof, after the words “the Court of Session shall” shall be inserted the words “subject to the provisions of Article 3A hereof”; and

(b) after Article 3 thereof shall be inserted the following new Article:—

“3A. The sheriff shall have such jurisdiction under the Fatal Accidents Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1895(e) and the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1906(f) for the determination of questions arising out of acts or omissions resulting in death which take place in the Scottish area in connection with the exploration of the sea bed or subsoil or the exploitation of their natural resources as he would have if the acts or omissions in question and the death in question had taken place in Scotland.”

*N. E. Leigh.*

(a) 1964 c. 29.

(c) S.I. 1968/892 (1968 II, p. 2373).

(d) S.I. 1971/721, 1974/1490 (1971 II, p. 1968; 1974 III, p. 5714).

(e) 1895 c. 36.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(f) 1906 c. 35.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order confers jurisdiction on sheriffs in Scotland to hold inquiries under the Fatal Accidents Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1895 and the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1906 into deaths which result from acts or omissions taking place in the area of the United Kingdom Continental Shelf to which Scots law applies, where these acts or omissions are connected with the exploration of the sea bed or subsoil or the exploitation of their natural resources.

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