
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 263

HEALTH AND SAFETY

**The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
(Application outside Great Britain) Order 1995**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th February 1995</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>20th February 1995</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>15th March 1995</i>

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 84(3) and (4) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(1), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) Order 1995 and shall come into force on 15th March 1995.

(2) The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) Order 1989(2) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the 1974 Act” means the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974;

“designated area” means any area designated by order under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964(3) and “within a designated area” includes over and under it;

“offshore installation” shall be construed in accordance with article 4(2) and (3) of this Order;

“the prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act” means sections 1 to 59 and 80 to 82 of the 1974 Act;

“stand-by vessel” means a vessel which is ready to give assistance in the event of an emergency on or near an offshore installation;

“territorial waters” means United Kingdom territorial waters adjacent to Great Britain and “within territorial waters” includes on, over and under them;

“vessel” includes a hovercraft and any floating structure which is capable of being staffed.

(1) 1974 c. 37. The general purposes of Part I of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 were extended by section 1(1) of the Offshore Safety Act 1992 (1992 c. 15).
(2) S.I. 1989/840.
(3) 1964 c. 29; section 1 was amended by the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 (c. 23), Schedule 3, paragraph 1.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, any structures and devices on top of a well shall be treated as forming part of the well.

(3) For the purposes of this Order, a person shall be deemed to be engaged in diving operations throughout any period from the time when he commences to prepare for diving until the time when—

- (a) he is no longer subjected to raised pressure;
- (b) he has normal inert gas partial pressure in his tissues; and
- (c) if he entered the water, he has left it,

and diving operations include the activity of any person in connection with the health and safety of a person who is, or is deemed to be, engaged in diving operations.

Application of the 1974 Act outside Great Britain

3.—(1) The prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act shall, to the extent specified in the following articles of this Order, apply to and in relation to the premises and activities outside Great Britain which are so specified as those provisions apply within Great Britain.

(2) The reference in paragraph (1) of this article to premises and activities includes a reference to any person, article or substance on those premises or engaged in or, as the case may be, used or for use in connection with any such activity, but does not include a reference to an aircraft which is airborne.

Offshore installations

4.—(1) The prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act shall apply within territorial waters or a designated area to and in relation to—

- (a) any offshore installation and any activity on it;
- (b) any activity, including diving operations, in connection with an offshore installation, or any activity which is immediately preparatory thereto, whether carried on from the installation itself, on or from a vessel or in any other manner, other than—
 - (i) transporting, towing or navigating the installation; and
 - (ii) any activity on or from a vessel being used as a stand-by vessel;
- (c) diving operations involving the survey and preparation of the sea bed for an offshore installation.

(2) In this Order “offshore installation” means—

- (a) the fixed structures consisting of six towers referred to in the Schedule to this Order as NSR M-1 and NSR R-1, NSR R-2, NSR R-3, NSR R-4 and NSR R-5 and settled on the sea bed at the locations specified in the Schedule and the related cables between each of those towers at sea bed level and the related cables which lie or extend outside the said locations; or
- (b) subject to paragraph (3) of this article, a structure which is, or is to be, or has been, used while standing or stationed in water, or on the foreshore or other land intermittently covered with water—
 - (i) for the exploitation, or exploration with a view to exploitation, of mineral resources by means of a well;
 - (ii) for the storage of gas in or under the shore or bed of any water or the recovery of gas so stored;
 - (iii) for the conveyance of things by means of a pipe; or

- (iv) mainly for the provision of accommodation for persons who work on or from a structure falling within any of the provisions of this sub-paragraph, and which is not an excepted structure.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b) of this article, the excepted structures are—
- (a) a structure which is connected with dry land by a permanent structure providing access at all times and for all purposes;
 - (b) a well;
 - (c) a structure which has ceased to be used for any of the purposes specified in paragraph (2)(b) of this article and has since been used for a purpose not so specified;
 - (d) a mobile structure which has been taken out of use and is not for the time being intended to be used for any of the purposes specified in paragraph (2)(b) of this article; and
 - (e) any part of a pipeline.

Wells

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this article, the prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act shall apply within territorial waters or a designated area to and in relation to—

- (a) a well and any activity in connection with it; and
- (b) an activity which is immediately preparatory to any activity in sub-paragraph (a) above.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this article includes keeping a vessel on station for the purpose of working on a well but otherwise does not include navigation or an activity connected with navigation.

Pipelines

6.—(1) The prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act shall apply within territorial waters or a designated area to and in relation to—

- (a) any pipeline;
- (b) any pipeline works;
- (c) the following activities in connection with pipeline works—
 - (i) the loading, unloading, fuelling or provisioning of a vessel;
 - (ii) the loading, unloading, fuelling, repair and maintenance of an aircraft on a vessel, being in either case a vessel which is engaged in pipeline works.

(2) In this article—

“pipeline” means a pipe or system of pipes for the conveyance of any thing, together with—

- (a) any apparatus for inducing or facilitating the flow of any thing through, or through a part of, the pipe or system;
- (b) any apparatus for treating or cooling any thing which is to flow through, or through part of, the pipe or system;
- (c) valves, valve chambers and similar works which are annexed to, or incorporated in the course of, the pipe or system;
- (d) apparatus for supplying energy for the operation of any such apparatus or works as are mentioned in the preceding paragraphs;
- (e) apparatus for the transmission of information for the operation of the pipe or system;
- (f) apparatus for the cathodic protection of the pipe or system; and

(g) a structure used or to be used solely for the support of a part of the pipe or system; but not including a pipeline of which no initial or terminal point is situated in the United Kingdom or within territorial waters, United Kingdom territorial waters adjacent to Northern Ireland, or a designated area;

“pipeline works” means—

- (a) assembling or placing a pipeline or length of pipeline including the provision of internal or external protection for it;
- (b) inspecting, testing, maintaining, adjusting, repairing, altering or renewing a pipeline or length of pipeline;
- (c) changing the position of or dismantling or removing a pipeline or length of pipeline;
- (d) opening the bed of the sea for the purposes of the works mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of this definition, and tunnelling or boring for those purposes;
- (e) any activities incidental to the activities described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of this definition;
- (f) diving operations in connection with any of the works mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of this definition or for the purpose of determining whether a place is suitable as part of the site of a proposed pipeline and the carrying out of surveying operations for settling the route of a proposed pipeline.

Mines

7.—(1) The prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act shall apply to and in relation to the working of a mine, and to work for the purpose of or in connection with the working of any part of a mine, within territorial waters or extending beyond them.

(2) In this article “mine” and “working of a mine” have the same meaning as in the Mines and Quarries Act 1954(4).

Other activities within territorial waters

8. The prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act shall apply within territorial waters to and in relation to—

- (a) the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, maintenance, cleaning, demolition and dismantling of any building or other structure not being a vessel, or any preparation for any such activity;
- (b) the loading, unloading, fuelling or provisioning of a vessel;
- (c) diving operations;
- (d) the construction, reconstruction, finishing, refitting, repair, maintenance, cleaning or breaking up of a vessel except when carried out by the master or any officer or member of the crew of that vessel; and
- (e) the maintaining on a station of a vessel which would be an offshore installation were it not a structure to which paragraph (3)(d) of article 4 of this Order applies,

except that this article shall not apply to vessels which are registered outside the United Kingdom and are on passage through territorial waters.

Legal proceedings

9.—(1) Proceedings for any offence under section 33 of the 1974 Act, being an offence to which that section applies by virtue of this Order, may be taken, and the offence may for all incidental purposes be treated as having been committed, in any place in Great Britain.

(2) Section 3 of the Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act 1878⁽⁵⁾ (which requires certain consents for the institution of proceedings) shall not apply to proceedings for any offence to which paragraph (1) of this article relates.

Miscellaneous provisions

10. The prescribed provisions of the 1974 Act shall apply in accordance with this Order to individuals whether or not they are British subjects, and to bodies corporate whether or not they are incorporated under the law of any part of the United Kingdom.

11. Nothing in this Order except article 9(2) of this Order shall be taken to limit or prejudice the operation which any Act or legislative instrument may, apart from this Order, have in territorial waters or elsewhere.

N. H. Nicholls
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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SCHEDULE

Article 4(2)(a)

LOCATION OF TOWERS

<i>Title</i>		<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Minutes</i>	<i>Seconds</i>	
Master 1	Latitude	53	44	45	N
NSR M-1	Longitude	02	33	30	E
Remote 1	Latitude	53	56	00	N
NSR R-1	Longitude	02	24	00	E
Remote 2	Latitude	53	55	45	N
NSR R-2	Longitude	02	51	00	E
Remote 3	Latitude	53	38	30	N
NSR R-3	Longitude	02	56	45	E
Remote 4	Latitude	53	29	57	N
NSR R-4	Longitude	02	30	50	E
Remote 5	Latitude	53	42	00	N
NSR R-5	Longitude	02	08	30	E

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order revokes the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) Order 1989 and re-enacts its provisions with modifications. The main changes of substance are the application of the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (“the Act”) which are referred to below to wells and to pipelines.

The Order applies sections 1 to 59 and 80 to 82 of the Act outside Great Britain (article 3) and—

- (a) within territorial waters adjacent to Great Britain and areas designated under the Continental Shelf Act 1964, to offshore installations and activities on them; to most activities in connection with them; and to certain diving activities (article 4);
- (b) within the same waters and areas, to wells; to most activities in connection with them; and to activities immediately preparatory to such activities (article 5);
- (c) within the same waters and areas to pipelines; to pipeline works; and to certain activities in connection with such works (article 6);
- (d) to the working of a mine and to work for the purpose of or in connection with the working of any part of a mine, within such waters or extending beyond them (article 7); and
- (e) within such waters to various activities including certain construction and similar activities (article 8).

Article 9 contains provisions relating to legal proceedings.

Article 10 provides that the relevant sections of the Act apply to individuals, whether or not they are British subjects, and to bodies corporate, whether or not incorporated under the law of any part of the United Kingdom.

Article 11 makes it clear that (with one exception) this Order does not limit or prejudice the effect of other enactments in territorial waters or elsewhere.