STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 268

CONTINENTAL SHELF

The Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Order 1997

Made - - - 12th February 1997

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of February 1997 Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Orders 1964 to 1993(1) certain areas are designated as areas within which the rights of the United Kingdom with respect to the sea bed and subsoil and their natural resources may be exercised:

And whereas it is expedient that a further such area should be so designated:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964(2) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Order 1997.
- (2) This Order and the Orders recited in the preamble to this Order may be cited together as the Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Orders 1964 to 1997.
- **2.** The area defined in the Schedule to this Order is hereby designated as an area within which the rights of the United Kingdom outside territorial waters with respect to the sea bed and subsoil and their natural resources are exercisable.

N. H. Nicholls Clerk of the Privy Council

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1964/697, 1965/1531, 1968/891, 1971/594, 1974/1489, 1976/1153, 1977/1871, 1978/178, 1029, 1979/1447, 1982/1072, 1987/1265, 1989/2398, 1993/599, 1993/1782.

^{(2) 1964} c. 29.

SCHEDULE Article 2

Article 2 of this Order applies to the area bounded by a line joining the following co-ordinates on European Datum

(1) 60° 40'00" N	4° 24'00" W	
(2) 60° 40'00" N	4° 00'00" W	

and the co-ordinates numbered (24) and (25) in the Schedule to the Continental Shelf (Designation of Additional Areas) Order 1982, and thence to the co-ordinates numbered (1) in this Schedule.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates a further area of the continental shelf north-west of the Shetland Islands as an area within which the rights of the United Kingdom with respect to the sea bed and subsoil and their natural resources are exercisable.