
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1995 No. 340

Offshore Installations and Pipeline Works (Management and Administration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1971 Act” means the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971(1);

“the 1972 Order” means the Employers' Liability (Defective Equipment and Compulsory Insurance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(2);

“apparatus or works” means—

(a) apparatus or works described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f); and

(b) a structure described in sub-paragraph (g), of the definition of “pipeline”;

“associated structure” means, in relation to an offshore installation, a vessel, aircraft or hovercraft attendant on the installation or any floating structure used in connection with the installation;

“concession owner” in relation to an offshore installation means the person who at any time has the right to exploit or explore mineral resources in any area, or to store gas in any area and to recover gas so stored if, at that time, the installation is, or is to be, used in the exercise of that right;

“the Department” means the Department of Economic Development;

“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;

“duty holder” means—

(a) in relation to a fixed installation, the operator; and

(b) in relation to a mobile installation, the owner;

“fixed installation” means an offshore installation other than a mobile installation;

“installation manager” means, in relation to an offshore installation, the person appointed for the purposes of regulation 6(1)(a) who is for the time being in charge of it;

“mobile installation” means an offshore installation (other than a floating production platform) which can be moved from place to place without major dismantling or modification, whether or not it has its own motive power;

“offshore installation” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 3;

“operator” in relation to a fixed installation means the person appointed by a concession owner to execute any function of organising or supervising any operation to be carried out by such installation or, where such a person has not been appointed, the concession owner;

(1) 1971 c. 61; relevant amending statutory provisions are 1975 c. 74, 1982 c. 23, 1987 c. 49 and S.R. 1993 No. 384

(2) S.I. 1972/963 (N.I. 6) to which there are amendments not relevant to this rule

(3) 1964 c. 29; section 1 was amended by the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 (c. 23). Schedule 3, paragraph 1

“owner” in relation to a mobile installation means the person who controls the operation of the installation;

“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 sub-paragraphs (a) to (c);
- (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 Great Britain 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), and tunnelling or boring for those purposes;
- (e) any activities incidental to the activities described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d);
- (f) diving operations in connection with any of the works mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) 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;

“relevant employee” means an employee—

- (a) who is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, or
- (b) who is not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom but who has been present in the United Kingdom and relevant waters in the course of employment there for a continuous period of not less than 7 days;

“relevant waters” means tidal waters and parts of the sea in or adjacent to Northern Ireland up to the seaward limits of territorial waters;

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

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

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to operating an offshore installation is a reference to using the installation for any of the purposes described in regulation 3(1).

(3) For the purpose of these Regulations any structures and devices on top of a well shall be treated as forming part of the well.

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