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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 228**

**Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

**Part III**

**Further Requirements Relating to Installations**

**Helicopter landing area**

**11.** The duty holder shall ensure that every helicopter landing area forming part of an installation—

- (a) is large enough, and has sufficient clear approach and departure paths, to enable any helicopter intended to use the landing area safely to land thereon and to take off therefrom in any wind and weather conditions permitting helicopter operations; and
- (b) is otherwise of a design and construction adequate for its purpose.

**Additional requirements**

**12.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (3), the duty holder shall ensure that the additional requirements set out in Schedule 1 are complied with in relation to an installation, while it is in use, unless in the case of any such requirement it would not prejudice the health, safety or welfare of any person if it were not complied with.

(2) While there are persons on a fixed installation which is—

- (a) being completed at the place where it is to be operated; or
- (b) being decommissioned or dismantled,

the duty holder shall ensure that such of the requirements contained in Schedule 1 are complied with, and to such extent, as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances.

(3) In the case of an installation which was commissioned before the coming into operation of these Regulations, it shall be sufficient compliance with paragraph (1) where the additional requirements are complied with in each case as soon as possible and no later than 3rd November 1999.

(4) The requirements contained in this regulation shall apply without prejudice to the requirements of the other relevant statutory provisions relating to the installation.