
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PIPE-LINES

The Submarine Pipe-lines (Exemption) Regulations 1985

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 31(3) of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and after consulting such organisations in the United Kingdom as he considered were representative of persons who would be affected thereby, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Submarine Pipe-lines (Exemption) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1985.

2.—(1) Paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Act shall not apply to an application for a works authorisation in respect of a pipe-line —

- (a) which is to have a length of less than 500 metres; or
- (b) which is to have a route lying wholly within a single safety zone established under section 21 of the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982(b).

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) above, the length of a pipe-line shall be taken to be the total length of pipe to be laid on or beneath the seabed, but where, in a system of pipes, a number of adjacent parallel lengths of pipe laid on or beneath the seabed serve the same purpose as would be served by a single pipe of a diameter greater than that of any of those lengths, that number shall be taken to constitute a single pipe.

Alick Buchanan-Smith,
Minister of State,
Department of Energy.

10th July 1985.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations exempt an applicant from his duty, to publish a notice in such a manner as directed by the Secretary of State, to make available to the public, a map for inspection, and to serve a copy of the notice on such persons as directed by the Secretary of State, in respect of a pipeline which is five hundred metres or less in length or which lies wholly within a safety zone established under section 21 of the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982.

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