
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1989 No. 1671

**The Offshore Installations and Pipeline
Works (First-Aid) Regulations 1989**

Duty of Person in control

5.—(1) The person in control of an offshore installation, pipeline works or any of the following activities in connection with an offshore installation carried on from a vessel, that is to say construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, maintenance, cleaning, demolition, dismantling and any activity immediately preparatory thereto, shall—

- (a) provide, or ensure that there are provided, such equipment, facilities and medications and such number of suitable persons as are adequate and appropriate in the circumstances for rendering first-aid to, and treating in accordance with the directions of a registered medical practitioner (who may or may not be present) persons who are injured or become ill while at work;
 - (b) provide, or ensure that there is provided, such number of suitable persons as is adequate and appropriate in the circumstances for giving simple advice in connection with the health of persons at work;
 - (c) make, or ensure that there are made, such arrangements as will enable—
 - (i) the work of the suitable persons referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph to be supervised by one or more suitably qualified registered medical practitioners, and
 - (ii) the advice or presence, as appropriate, of a suitably qualified registered medical practitioner to be obtained when needed;
 - (d) ensure that persons at work are informed of the provisions and arrangements that have been made under sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this paragraph, in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, as to the location of equipment, facilities, medications and personnel.
- (a) (2) (a) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) and (b) of this regulation, a person shall not be suitable unless he has undergone such training, or further training, and has obtained such qualifications, or further qualifications, as the Secretary of State may approve for the time being in respect of the relevant case or class of case.
- (b) Sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph shall not apply until 13th September 1992 to a person who has been employed as a medically trained person on an offshore installation (including any time spent away from such installation on leave or training courses) throughout the two years immediately preceding the coming into force of these Regulations.
- (c) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph a “medically trained person” is a person who—
 - (i) is either a registered nurse or the holder of a certificate of competency issued within the previous three years by the St John Ambulance Association of the Order of St John, the St Andrew’s Ambulance Association or the British Red Cross Society, and

(ii) has received some adequate training in the use of mechanical artificial respiration equipment.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall require alteration of the siting or construction of a sick bay which at the date of the coming into force of these Regulations exists either on an offshore installation in respect of which there is a valid Certificate of Fitness issued under the Offshore Installations (Construction and Survey) Regulations 1974⁽¹⁾, or on a vessel if—

(a) the sick bay is provided with interior surfaces which may easily be kept clean; and

(b) there is provided—

(i) in the sick bay or in suitable accommodation in its immediate vicinity a bath accessible from three sides,

(ii) in suitable accommodation in the immediate vicinity of the sick bay, a water-closet and a hand wash-basin, and

(iii) a supply of sufficient hot and cold water for the bath and hand wash-basin and of sufficient cold water for the water-closet.

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1974/289.