
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 547

OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1999

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>1st March 1999</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th March 1999</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st March 1999</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 22(1) and (2) of the Petroleum Act 1987⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1999 and shall come into force on 31st March 1999.

Establishment of safety zones

2. A safety zone is hereby established around each installation specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto (being an installation stationed in waters to which subsection (7) of section 21 of the Act applies) having a radius of five hundred metres from the point as respects that installation which has the co-ordinates of latitude and longitude according to European Datum (1950) specified in columns 2 and 3 of the Schedule.

Removal of safety zones

3.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1997⁽²⁾ the entry relating to Staffa Field Subsea Wells is deleted.

(2) In the Schedule to the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 1998⁽³⁾ the entry relating to Rubie Field is deleted.

⁽¹⁾ 1987 c. 12.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1997/735; amended by S.I. 1998/608.

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1998/1224.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

1st March 1999

Alan Meale
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport and
the Regions

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Safety Zones

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name or other designation of the offshore installation</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Latitude North</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Longitude East</i>
Rubie Field	58°04' 23.7"	00°26' 9.5"
Gryphon Field	59°20' 54.00"	01°35' 15.3"
Gannet G	57°13' 38.00"	01°00' 35.692"
Glamis Well 16/21a-26	58°10' 43.9"	01°01' 08.6"
Glamis Well 16/21a-27	58°10' 20.7"	01°04' 15.91"
Glamis Well 16/21a-17z	58°10' 21.31"	01°02' 26.67"
Pierce Field—23/22a Main		
Drill Site Manifold	57°10' 03.27"	02°15' 36.17"
Pierce Field—23/22a Satellite		
Drill Site Manifold	57°08' 34.12"	02°16' 58.93"
North Drilling Centre		
Buckland Field Block 9/18	59°27' 29.133"	01°34' 20.694"
South Drilling Centre		
Buckland Field Block 9/18	59°26' 37.09"	01°33' 16.989"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order)

This order establishes, under section 22 of the Petroleum Act 1987, safety zones having a radius of 500 metres from the specified point, around each installation specified in the Schedule to this order and stationed in waters to which section 21(7) of that Act applies (these include territorial waters and waters in areas designated under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 (c. 29)) (*Article 2*).

Vessels, which for this purpose include hovercraft, submersible apparatus and installations in transit) are prohibited from entering or remaining in a safety zone except with the consent of the Health and Safety Executive or in accordance with regulations made under section 23(1) of the Act (currently the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1331)).

The Order removes safety zones in respect of Staffa Field Subsea Wells and the Rubie Field installation by deleting entries relating to them in Schedule 1 to the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1997 and the Schedule to the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 1998 respectively (*Article 3*). In relation to the Rubie Field installation the effect, together with the

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establishment of a safety zone around it under Article 2 of this Order, is to re-site the zone so that it corresponds with the revised location of the installation.