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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 1013**

The Conservation of Offshore Marine  
Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

**PART 6**

ENFORCEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY  
PROVISION RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENCES

*Supplementary provision relating to criminal offences*

**Possession of means of committing offence**

71.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person who, for the purpose of committing an offence under Part 3, is in possession of anything capable of being used for committing the offence, is guilty of an offence and punishable in the same manner as for that offence.

(2) An offence under paragraph (1) may only be committed by a person—

(a) in the United Kingdom; or

(b) at a place where, or on a ship or aircraft on which and in a place where, the offence under Part 3 could have been committed.

(3) In this regulation “the United Kingdom” means the United Kingdom (including its internal waters) and the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, Section 71.