

2023 No. 838

OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2023

Made - - - - *18th July 2023*

Coming into force - - *8th August 2023*

The Secretary of State makes this Order—

- (a) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Petroleum Act 1987(a); and
- (b) for the purpose of giving effect to proposals submitted by the Health and Safety Executive under section 24(2A)(b) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2023.
- (2) This Order comes into force 21 days after the day on which it is made.

Establishment of safety zones

2. A safety zone is established around each installation specified in column 1 of the table in the Schedule (being an installation stationed in waters to which subsection (7) of section 21 of the Petroleum Act 1987 applies) having a radius of five hundred metres, as respects that installation, from the point which has the co-ordinates of latitude and longitude according to the World Geodetic System 1984(c) specified in columns 2 and 3 of the table in the Schedule.

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1997

- 3.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 1997(d) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 1 (safety zones), omit the entry relating to “Orwell Subsea Structure”.

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2013

- 4.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2013(e) is amended as follows.

(a) 1987 c. 12.
(b) Section 24(2A) was inserted by S.I. 1993/1823 and amended by S.I. 2008/960.
(c) The World Geodetic System 1984 (“WGS 84”) defines a reference frame for the Earth, for use in geodesy and navigation. It was developed by the United States’ National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and is maintained by it. WGS 84 is defined at paragraph 2.1 of the NGA Standardization Document, Department of Defense, World Geodetic System 1984 (updated 8 July 2014) (https://earth-info.nga.mil/index.php?dir=wgs84&action=wgs84#tab_wgs84-res). Hard-copies are available upon request from the offices of the Health and Safety Executive, Aberdeen International Business Park (AIBP), Building 2, Level 1, Dyce Drive, Dyce, Aberdeen AB21 0BR.
(d) S.I. 1997/735, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.
(e) S.I. 2013/1758.

(2) In the Schedule (installations), in Part 1, omit the entry relating to “Curlew CUC-P1 Drill Site”.

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 2016

5.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 2) Order 2016(a) is amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (installations), in Part 1, omit the entry relating to “Curlew Development, Block 29/7a, Curlew Field”.

Amendment of the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 3) Order 2017

6.—(1) The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (No. 3) Order 2017(b) is amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (installations), in Part 1, omit the entry relating to “Horne and Wren, Block 53/3c, Horne and Wren Field”.

18th July 2023

Mims Davies
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Work and Pensions

(a) S.I. 2016/623.
(b) S.I. 2017/720.

SCHEDULE
INSTALLATIONS

Article 2

<i>(1) Name or other designation</i>	<i>(2) Latitude</i>	<i>(3) Longitude</i>
Schooner, Schooner, Block 44/26a	54° 03.55'N	002° 04.60'E
Jackdaw Wellhead, Jackdaw, Block 30/02a, 30/02d and 30/03a	56° 54.02'N	02° 22.75'E
Vixen VM, Vixen, Block 49/17	53° 23.87'N	02° 13.97'E
MacCulloch Subsea Infrastructure, MacCulloch, Block 15/24b	58° 19.39'N	00° 43.45'E
Millom East PLEM, Millom East, Block 113/27a	54° 00.59'N	-03° 46.35'E
Dalton Subsea PLEM, Dalton, Block 110/02b	53° 54.21'N	-03° 43.37'E
Dalton R2 Subsea Well, Dalton, Block 110/02b	53° 53.73'N	-03° 43.50'E
Balmoral Template, Balmoral, Block 16/21a	58° 13.73'N	01° 06.43'E
North Eigg, North Eigg, Block 3/24c	60° 11.38'N	01° 42.08'E
Former Banff FPSO Location, Banff, Block 22/27a	57° 00.03'N	01° 17.47'E

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order establishes, under section 22 of the Petroleum Act 1987 (c. 12) (“the Act”), safety zones having a radius of 500 metres from the specified point around the 10 installations (which are subsea installations) specified in the Schedule to this Order 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)).

Section 23(1) of the Act prohibits vessels, which for these purposes include hovercraft, submersible apparatus and installations in transit, 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 regulation 21H of the Offshore Installations and Pipeline Works (Management and Administration) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/738), inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 13 to S.I. 2015/398).

The United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) publishes nautical charts covering the area in which installations are located, which include information on the existence and, where the scale allows, the location of safety zones (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-hydrographic-office>). Mariners are advised to keep paper charts up-to-date by using appropriate Notices to Mariners or, where electronic charts are used, to subscribe to an appropriate updating service. Vessels meeting the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 will carry nautical charts and nautical publications (such as Notices to Mariners) to plan and display the ship’s route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage. This may be compulsory for some vessels, for example under the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/673). The UKHO also broadcasts Radio Navigational Warnings in relation to safety zones where updates to charts have yet to take effect and where installations are in transit.

Maritime safety information, which includes information on safety zones, is issued via the appropriate International Maritime Organisation, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System broadcast systems as defined by the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service.

Articles 3 to 6 remove four safety zones established under previous Orders.

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