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Order no. 657 of 30 December 1985 issued by the Ministry of Energy

Order on safety zones and zones for observing order and preventing danger

Pursuant to section 4(2) and (3) and section 5(3) of the act on the continental shelf (*lov om kontinentalsoklen*), cf. consolidated act no. 182 of 1 May 1979, and section 5 of the act on safety of navigation (*lov om skibsfartens betryggelse*), cf. consolidated act no. 309 of 3 August 1965, and in consultation with the Ministry of Industry, the following provisions are laid down:

Section 1. Fixed installations, drilling platforms, drilling ships and other installations used for or in connection with the exploration and extraction of raw materials in the subsoil below the seabed in the Danish continental shelf area are surrounded by a safety zone unless the installation is being navigated or towed.

Subsection 2. Similar installations in Danish territorial waters are surrounded by a zone for observing order and preventing danger.

Section 2. An installation that is not immediately visible on the surface of the sea shall be marked by means of a buoy or any other easily visible marking approved by the Danish Maritime Safety Administration.

Section 3. The zones mentioned in section 1(1) and (2) shall extend to 500 metres around the installation, measured from any point on its outermost border or from the buoying mentioned in section 2.

Subsection 2. The Danish Energy Agency may, after having acquired a statement from the Minister of Fishing, prescribe deviations from the extension laid down in subsection 1 of the zones mentioned in section 1(1) and (2). Notices hereon shall be published by the Danish Energy Agency in Notices to Mariners.

Section 4. It shall be prohibited for ships and other vessels without any business at the installation to move into the zones mentioned in section 1(1) and (2). The prohibition shall also apply to fishing gear and the like.

Subsection 2. The provisions of subsection 1 shall also apply in connection with Danish ships' unlawful passage of, stays in or fishing in a safety zone established in the continental shelf area of a foreign state.

Subsection 3. In special cases, the Danish Energy Agency may grant exemptions from the provisions of subsection 1.

Subsection 4. Permission pursuant to subsection 3 to carry out fishing operations or fishing and sea research in the zones mentioned in section 1(1) and (2) shall be granted after having acquired a statement from the Minister of Fishing.

Section 5. The Danish Energy Agency shall, following consultation with the Danish Maritime Safety Administration, provide information in Notices on Mariners on the position of the installations mentioned in section 1(1) and (2).

Section 6. Contraventions of section 4 shall be liable to punishment by fine.

Section 7. This order shall enter into force upon its publication in the Danish Law Gazette.

Subsection 2. This order shall not apply to pipelines covered by order no. 327 of 29 October 1962 on protection of pipelines and submarine cables.

Subsection 3. Order no. 421 of 24 August 1976 on safety zones in connection with oil extraction installations in the “Danfeltet” on the continental shelf in the North Sea and order no. 29 of 27 January 1978 on prohibition against passing or staying in safety zones shall be repealed.

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