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AND CONSTRUCTION, ETC.) REGULATIONS 1996**

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SCHEDULE 1 — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Organisation of the installation
2. An installation shall be kept sufficiently clean, with any hazardous...
3. Arrangements shall exist for the collection at source and removal,...
4. Workstations must be designed and constructed with a view to...
5. Ventilation of enclosed workplaces
6. If a mechanical ventilation system is used, it must be...
7. If air-conditioning or mechanical ventilation systems are used, they must...
8. Any deposit or dirt likely to create an immediate danger...
9. Room temperature
10. The temperature in rest areas, changing rooms, rooms containing facilities...
11. Sunlight let into workplaces via any window or skylight shall...
12. Floors, walls and ceilings of rooms
13. Enclosed workplaces must be adequately insulated against heat, bearing in...
14. The surfaces of floors, walls and ceilings in rooms must...
15. Transparent or translucent surfaces
16. Roofs
17. Natural and artificial lighting
18. Workplaces must, as far as possible, receive sufficient natural light...
19. Lighting installations in workplaces and in passageways must be placed...
20. Workplaces in which persons are especially exposed to risks in...
21. Windows and skylights
22. It must be possible to clean windows and skylights without...
23. Doors and gates

24. Transparent doors must be appropriately marked at a conspicuous level...
25. Swing doors and gates must be transparent or have see-through...
26. Sliding doors must be fitted with a safety device to...
27. Doors and gates opening upwards must be fitted with a...
28. Doors for pedestrians must be provided in the immediate vicinity...
29. Power-operated doors and gates must function without risk of accident...
30. When chains or similar devices are used to prevent access...
31. Traffic routes
32. Traffic routes must be sufficient in number, in suitable positions,...
33. If means of transport are used on traffic routes, a...
34. Sufficient clearance must be allowed between vehicle traffic routes and...
35. Traffic routes must be clearly identified for the protection of...
36. Danger areas
37. Room dimensions and air space in rooms— freedom of movement in the workstation
38. The dimensions of the unoccupied area at the workstation must...
39. Rest rooms
40. Paragraph 39 does not apply if the workers are employed...
41. Rest rooms must be large enough and equipped with an...
42. If working hours are regularly and frequently interrupted and there...
43. Appropriate measures should be taken for the protection of non-smokers...
44. Outdoor workplaces
45. Workplaces outdoors must be adequately lit by artificial lighting if...
46. When workers are employed at workstations outdoors, such workstations must...
47. Pregnant women and nursing mothers
48. People with disabilities
49. Sanitary facilities
50. Changing rooms must be easily accessible, be of sufficient capacity...
51. Changing rooms must be sufficiently large and have facilities to...
52. If circumstances so require, lockers for work clothes must be...
53. Provision must be made to enable wet work clothes to...
54. Provision must be made for separate changing rooms or separate...
55. If changing rooms are not required under paragraph 49, each...
56. Showers and washing facilities
57. Lavatories and washbasins
58. Provision must be made for separate lavatories or separate use...
59. Accommodation
60. Accommodation must contain sufficient beds or bunks for the number...
61. Any room designated as sleeping accommodation— (a) must not be...
62. Accommodation must include a sufficient number of showers and washing...
63. Showers must be sufficiently spacious to permit each worker to...
64. Accommodation must be equipped with a sufficient number of lavatories...
65. Where there are both men and women on an installation...
66. Accommodation and its plant must be maintained to adequate standards...
67. Noise and vibration of plant

SCHEDULE 2 — MODIFICATION OF THE OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS (SAFETY CASE) REGULATIONS 1992

1. Paragraph (1) of regulation 2 shall be amended in accordance...
2. For the definition of “concession owner” there shall be substituted...
3. After the definition of “safety case” there shall be inserted...

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4. After the definition of “major accident” there shall be inserted...
5. After paragraph (7) of regulation 2 there shall be inserted...
6. There shall be substituted for paragraph (4) of regulation 8...
7. There shall be added to regulation 11 the following paragraphs:...
8. After regulation 13 (transitional provisions) there shall be added the...
9. After paragraph (2) of regulation 15 there shall be inserted...
10. In paragraph (3) of regulation 15, for the words “paragraph...
11. After regulation 15 there shall be inserted the following regulations:...
12. After paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 there shall be inserted...
13. After paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 there shall be inserted...
14. In Schedule 6 there shall be added to the heading...
15. After Schedule 6 there shall be added the following schedule:...
16. After Schedule 8 there shall be added the following schedule:...

SCHEDULE 3 — REVOCATION

Explanatory Note