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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 74**

**MARINE POLLUTION**

**The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution)  
(Drilling Rigs and Other Platforms) Order 2005**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>19th January 2005</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>27th January 2005</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st March 2005</i>

The Secretary of State, after consulting the organisations referred to in section 112(7)(c) of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003(1), in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 112(1)(a) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) (Drilling Rigs and Other Platforms) Order 2005 and shall come into force on 1st March 2005.

**Application of section 128(1)(e) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995**

2. Section 128(1)(e) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(2) shall apply in relation to drilling rigs and other platforms which are used, navigated or situated wholly or partly in or on water, as it applies in relation to ships.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

19th January 2005

*David Jamieson*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

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(1) 2003 c. 20.  
(2) 1995 c. 21. Section 128 has been amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28), but those amendments are not relevant to this Order.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order applies to drilling rigs and other platforms which are used, navigated or situated wholly or partly in or on water. It provides for section 128(1)(e) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 to apply in relation to such rigs and other platforms. Section 128(1)(e) is a provision by which Her Majesty may by Order in Council give effect to international agreements relating to pollution from ships and which have been ratified by the United Kingdom.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared in relation to this Order as it has no impact on the cost of business.