



# Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 74

## PART III

### SUBMARINE PIPE-LINES

#### *Construction and use of pipe-lines*

#### **20 Control of construction and use of pipe-lines in territorial and continental-shelf waters**

(1) No person shall—

- (a) execute in, under or over any controlled waters any works for the construction of a pipe-line except works for the completion of a pipe-line of which the construction was begun before the coming into force of this subsection; or
- (b) use a controlled pipe-line of which the construction was begun after the coming into force of this subsection,

unless he is authorised in writing by the Secretary of State to do so and the works are or the use is in accordance with the terms of the authorisation.

(2) In this Act—

" controlled pipe-line " means so much of any pipe-line as is in, under or over controlled waters ; and

" controlled waters " means the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom and the sea in any designated area within the meaning of the Continental Shelf Act 1964.