
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1987 No. 2197

The Civil Jurisdiction (Offshore Activities) Order 1987

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Civil Jurisdiction (Offshore Activities) Order 1987.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982;

“co-ordinate” means a co-ordinate on European datum (1st Adjustment 1950);

“Dividing Line” means the dividing line as defined in Article 1 of the Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf under the North Sea between the two countries, signed in London on 25 November 1971⁽¹⁾;

“installation” includes an installation in transit;

“line”, in relation to any list of co-ordinates in this Order, unless it is otherwise provided, means a loxodromic line;

“relevant act” means an act or omission taking place on, under or above the offshore area in connection with any activity mentioned in section 23(2) of the Act;

“offshore area” means—

- (a) tidal waters and parts of the sea adjacent to the United Kingdom up to the seaward limits of territorial waters;
- (b) waters in any area for the time being designated under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964; and
- (c) in relation to installations which are maintained in waters falling within paragraph (a) or (b) above, waters in a foreign sector of the continental shelf which are adjacent to such waters;

“the Scottish border” means—

- (a) in the North Sea, a line—
 - (i) joining the following co-ordinates—
 - (1) 55° 48' 45"N; 2° 01' 54"W
 - (2) 55° 49' 50"N; 1° 59' 58"W
 - (3) 55° 50' 43"N; 1° 58' 09"W
 - (4) 55° 50' 47"N; 1° 57' 55"W
 - (5) 55° 53' 20"N; 1° 48' 28"W
 - (6) 55° 53' 29"N; 1° 47' 54"W
 - (7) 55° 55' 04"N; 1° 43' 32"W,

- (ii) then following, in a south easterly direction, the seaward limits of United Kingdom territorial waters until the position 55° 50' 00"N; 1° 27' 31"W, and
- (iii) then following, in an easterly direction, the parallel of latitude 55° 50' 00"N until its intersection with the Dividing Line;
- (b) in the Irish Sea, a line joining the following co-ordinates—
 - (1) 54° 37' 54"N; 3° 50' 46"W
 - (2) 54° 37' 37"N; 3° 51' 04"W
 - (3) 54° 37' 00"N; 3° 52' 04"W
 - (4) 54° 36' 11"N; 3° 53' 51"W
 - (5) 54° 33' 17"N; 4° 00' 10"W
 - (6) 54° 32' 51"N; 4° 01' 06"W
 - (7) 54° 31' 55"N; 4° 03' 08"W
 - (8) 54° 30' 03"N; 4° 04' 24"W,then following the seaward limit of United Kingdom territorial waters to
 - (1) 54° 30' 22"N; 4° 04' 50"W
 - (2) 54° 30' 00"N; 4° 05' 29"W
 - (3) 54° 30' 00"N; 5° 00' 00"W;

“the Northern Irish border” means a line joining the following co-ordinates—

- (1) 55° 26' 40"N; 6° 34' 37"W
- (2) 55° 23' 36"N; 6° 04' 16"W
- (3) 55° 20' 00"N; 6° 00' 00"W
- (4) 55° 10' 00"N; 5° 48' 00"W
- (5) 55° 00' 00"N; 5° 36' 00"W
- (6) 54° 50' 00"N; 5° 24' 00"W
- (7) 54° 40' 00"N; 5° 12' 00"W
- (8) 54° 30' 00"N; 5° 00' 00"W
- (9) 54° 26' 54"N; 5° 00' 00"W
- (10) 54° 20' 00"N; 5° 00' 00"W
- (11) 54° 10' 00"N; 5° 12' 00"W
- (12) 54° 00' 00"N; 5° 24' 00"W;

“the English area” means such of the offshore area adjacent to England and Wales which lies to the south of the Scottish border and east of the Northern Irish border together with the internal waters of England and Wales in so far as they are tidal or constitute parts of the sea;

“the Scottish area” means such of the offshore area adjacent to Scotland which lies to the north of the Scottish border and east of the Northern Irish border together with the internal waters of Scotland in so far as they are tidal or constitute parts of the sea;

“the Northern Irish area” means such of the offshore area adjacent to Northern Ireland which lies to the west of the Northern Irish border together with the internal waters of Northern Ireland in so far as they are tidal or constitute parts of the sea.