

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Diving Operations at Work Regulations 1981 (“the principal Regulations”). They add requirements that diving contractors are registered (*inserted regulation 5A*), and that projects involving diving operations are notified to the enforcing authority (*inserted regulation 5C*), in accordance with these Regulations.

The requirement to notify only applies to projects involving diving operations subject to the principal Regulations in relation to offshore installations or pipelines outside Great Britain except for diving operations in relation to the structures and cables mentioned in article 4(2)(a) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application Outside Great Britain) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/840).

Persons who engage diving contractors must satisfy themselves that the diving contractor is registered (*inserted regulation 5B*).