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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. This Order revokes and re-enacts with amendments the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) Order 2001 (“the 2001 Order”), which applied sections 1 to 59 and 80 to 82 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (“the prescribed provisions”) to certain premises and activities in the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain and to areas designated under the Continental Shelf Act 1964. In addition to minor and drafting amendments, this Order makes the following changes of substance.

2. The application of the prescribed provisions to certain premises or activities within the territorial sea or a designated area now extend to gas importation and storage (article 8) within a gas importation and storage zone which is defined in article 2.

3. Article 10 extends the application of the prescribed provisions to underground coal gasification production in the territorial sea and to designated areas.

4. The Health and Safety Executive plan to review the operation and effect of this Order five years after it comes into force.

5. A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Health and Safety Executive’s website (<http://www.hse.gov.uk/ria>) A copy is also annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).