

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO  
THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION) (LIMITS)  
(REVOCATION) REGULATIONS 2013**

**No. 2013/3042**

**1.** This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Purpose of the instrument**

2.1 The instrument revokes two earlier sets of Regulations defining the limits of the United Kingdom marine pollution zone.

**3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

3.1 None.

**4. Legislative Context**

4.1 This Order revokes two sets of Regulations which are superseded by the declaration of an Exclusive Economic Zone in accordance with section 41 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

**5. Territorial Extent and Application**

5.1 This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

**6. European Convention on Human Rights**

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

**7. Policy background**

• *What is being done and why*

7.1 The declaration of an Exclusive Economic Zone around the United Kingdom will supersede the marine pollution zone as set out in the 1996 Order; these two sets of Regulations set out the boundaries of the marine pollution zone and can therefore now be revoked.

**8. Consultation outcome**

8.1 All relevant Government Departments have been consulted.

**9. Guidance**

9.1 No necessity for guidance is foreseen.

**10. Impact**

10.1 No impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

10.2 No impact on the public sector is foreseen.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

**11. Regulating small business**

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

**12. Monitoring & review**

12.1 No necessity for monitoring and review is foreseen.

**13. Contact**

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