

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (COMMENCEMENT No. 6)
ORDER 2013

2013 No. 3055 (C. 127)

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 brings into force the provisions in the 2009 Act which enable an Exclusive Economic Zone to be declared, as well as those under which that zone will replace other existing maritime zones.

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

3.1 None.

4. Legislative Context

4.1 This is the sixth Order bringing provisions of the 2009 Act into force.

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 not subject to any Parliamentary procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

- *What is being done and why*

7.1 The Order will enable an Exclusive Economic Zone around the United Kingdom to be declared. The intention is that this be done by an Order in Council also coming into force on the appointed day.

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 specific need for monitoring or review is foreseen.

13. Contact

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