

**2015 No. 407**

**OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS**

**The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2015**

*Made* - - - - *23rd February 2015*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

The Secretary of State makes this Order—

- (a) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Petroleum Act 1987(a); and
- (b) for the purpose of giving effect to proposals submitted to him by the Health and Safety Executive under section 24(2A)(b) of that Act.

**Citation and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Order 2015.
- (2) This Order comes into force on 18th March 2015 except for article 2(1) which comes into force as provided in article 2(2).

**Establishment of safety zones**

2.—(1) A safety zone is established around each installation specified in column 1 of the Schedule (being an installation to be stationed in waters to which subsection (7) of section 21 of the Petroleum Act 1987 applies) having a radius of five hundred metres, as respects that installation, from the point which has the co-ordinates of latitude and longitude according to the World Geodetic System 1984(c) specified in columns 2 and 3 of the Schedule.

(2) Paragraph (1) comes into force, as respects each installation specified in column 1 of the Schedule, when the installation arrives at its station.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

23rd February 2015

*Freud*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Work and Pensions

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(a) 1987 c. 12.  
(b) Section 24(2A) was inserted by S.I. 1993/1823 and amended by S.I. 2008/960.  
(c) The World Geodetic System 1984 (“WGS 84”) defines a reference frame for the earth, for use in geodesy and navigation. It was developed by the United States’ National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and is maintained by it. WGS 84 is defined at paragraph 2.1 of the United States’ National Imagery and Mapping Agency Technical Report TR8350.2, third edition, amendment 1 of 3rd January 2000 entitled “Department of Defense World Geodetic System 1984” (<http://earth-info.nga.mil/GandG/publications/tr8350.2/wgs84fin.pdf>).

## SCHEDULE INSTALLATIONS

Article 2

<i>(1)</i> <i>Name or other designation of the offshore installation</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Latitude</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Longitude</i>
Catcher Area Development Project, Block 28/9a, Burgman Field	56°44.55' North	00°40.61' East
Catcher Area Development Project, Block 28/9a, Catcher Field	56°46.30' North	00°46.30' East
Catcher Area Development Project, Block 28/9a, Varadero Field	56°48.37' North	00°42.30' East
Cawdor Manifold and Production Wells, Block 30/13a, Cawdor Field	56°32.35' North	02°34.47' East
Cayley/Montrose Intermediate Towheads, Block 22/17s, Cayley Field	57°26.16' North	01°18.42' East
Cladhan Field Development Project, Block 210/9a and 210/30a, Cladhan Field	61°08.89' North	00°47.27' East
Flyndre Manifold and Production Wells, Block 30/14a, Flyndre Field	56°33.55' North	02°37.85' East
Golden Eagle Northern Drill Centre, Block 14/26a, Golden Eagle Field	58°00.79' North	00°55.38' West
Shaw Drill Centre, Block 22/22a, Montrose Field	57°17.81' North	01°21.77' East
Shaw Water Injection, Block 22/22a, Montrose Field	57°17.37' North	01°22.31' East
Western Isles SDC Development Project, Block 210/24a, Barra Field	61°11.74' North	00°43.67' East

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Order establishes, under section 22 of the Petroleum Act 1987, safety zones having a radius of 500 metres from the specified point around the eleven installations (which are subsea installations) specified in the Schedule to this Order to be stationed in waters to which section 21(7) of that Act applies (these include territorial waters and waters in areas designated under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 (c. 29)).

Vessels, which for this purpose include hovercraft, submersible apparatus and installations in transit, are prohibited from entering or remaining in a safety zone except with the consent of the Health and Safety Executive or in accordance with regulations made under section 23(1) of the Petroleum Act 1987 (currently the Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1331)).

The United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) (<http://www.ukho.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>) publishes nautical charts covering the area in which installations are located, which include information on the existence and, where the scale allows, the location of safety zones. Mariners are advised to keep paper charts up-to-date using appropriate Notices to Mariners or, where electronic charts are used, to subscribe to an appropriate updating service. Vessels meeting the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 will carry nautical charts and nautical publications (such as Notices to Mariners) to plan and display the ship's route for the intended voyage and to plot and monitor positions throughout the voyage. This may be compulsory for some vessels, for example under the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/1473). The UKHO also broadcasts Radio Navigational Warnings in relation to safety zones where updates to charts have yet to take effect and where installations are in transit.

Maritime safety information, which includes information on safety zones, is issued via the appropriate International Maritime Organisation, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System broadcast systems as defined by the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service.

It is estimated that the installations, which are not on station at the time of making this Order, will arrive at their stations at the approximate time set opposite their name in the table below:

<i>Name of installation</i>	<i>Estimated arrival at station</i>
Catcher Area Development Project, Burgman Field	1st May 2015
Catcher Area Development Project, Catcher Field	1st May 2015
Catcher Area Development Project, Varadero Field	1st May 2015
Cawdor Manifold and Production Wells	1st April 2015
Cayley/Montrose Intermediate Towheads	1st March 2015
Cladhan Field Development Project	1st May 2015
Flyndre Manifold and Production Wells	1st April 2015
Golden Eagle Northern Drill Centre	1st May 2015
Shaw Drill Centre	1st April 2015
Shaw Water Injection	1st April 2015
Western Isles SDC Development Project	28th February 2015

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