

Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) Order 1968 (No. 892 - 7 June 1968)

1. Interpretation

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(3) In this Order -

"the Act" means the Continental Shelf Act 1964;

"co-ordinate" means a co-ordinate on European datum;

"the first designated area" means the area designated by the Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Order 1964; "the second designated area" means the area described in paragraph (1) of the Schedule to the Continental Shelf (Designation of Additional Areas) Order 1965; "the third designated area" means the area described in paragraph (2)(a) of that Schedule; "the fourth designated area" means the area described in paragraph (2)(b) of that Schedule; "the fifth designated area" means the area described in paragraph (3) of that Schedule; "the sixth designated area" means the area described in paragraph (4) of that Schedule; and "the seventh designated area" means the area designated by the Continental Shelf (Designation of Additional Areas) Order 1968; and a reference to a designated area shall include a reference to any of these areas.

"the Scottish border" means, in relation to the first and second designated areas, latitude 55°50'N; in relation to the fifth designated area, a line joining the following co-ordinates:

- (1) 54°30'00"N; 5°00'00"W;
- (2) 54°30'00"N; 4°05'29"W;
- (3) 54°36'03"N; 3°55'14"W;

and, in relation to the seventh designated area, latitude 54°30'N;

"the Northern Irish border" means in relation to the seventh designated area, a line joining the following co-ordinates:

- (1) 55°20'N;6°00'W;
- (2) 55°10'N;5°48'W;
- (3) 55°00'N;5°36'W;
- (4) 54°50'N;5°24'W;
- (5) 54°40'N;5°12'W;
- (6) 54°30'N;5°00'W;
- (7) 54°20'N;5°00'W;

(8) 54°10'N;5°12'W;

(9) 54°00'N;5°24'W;

"the English area" means the areas included in the third and fourth designated areas, those parts of the first, second and fifth designated areas which lie south of the Scottish border and that part of the seventh designated area which lies south of the Scottish and east of the Northern Irish border;

"the Scottish area" means the areas included in the sixth designated area, those parts of the first, second and fifth designated areas which lie north of the Scottish border and that part of the seventh designated area which lies north of the Scottish and east of the Northern Irish border;

"the Northern Irish area" means that part of the seventh designated area which lies west of the Northern Irish border;

2. Application of English, Scottish and Northern Irish law

Subject to section 3(1) of the Act, the law in force in England shall apply for the determination of questions to which section 3(2) of the Act refers arising out of acts or omissions taking place in the English area; the law in force in Scotland shall apply for the determination of such questions arising out of acts or omissions taking place in the Scottish area; and the law in force in Northern Ireland shall apply for the determination of such questions arising out of acts or omissions taking place in the Northern Irish area.

3. Jurisdiction

The High Court shall have such jurisdiction for the determination of any questions to which section 3(2) of the Act refers and which, under the last foregoing Article, fall to be determined in accordance with the law in force in England, as it would have if the acts or omissions in question had taken place in England; the Court of Session shall have such jurisdiction for the determination of any such questions so falling to be determined in accordance with the law in force in Scotland, as it would have if the acts or omissions in question had taken place in Scotland; and Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland shall have such jurisdiction for the determination of any such questions so falling to be determined in accordance with the law in force in Northern Ireland, as it would have if the acts or omissions in question had taken place in Northern Ireland.

4. Application of Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 and the Radioactive Substances Act 1960

For the purposes of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949, the Radioactive Substances Act 1960 and any regulations or orders made under either of those Acts (subject, however, in the case of any such regulations or orders made hereafter, to any contrary intention appearing therein) any installation in the English area and any waters in a designated area within 500 metres of such an installation (not being waters lying in the Scottish or Northern Irish area and within 500 metres of an installation in either of those areas) shall be deemed to be situated in England; any installation in the Scottish area and any such waters within 500 metres of such an installation (not being waters lying in the English or Northern Irish area and within 500 metres of an installation in either of those areas) shall be deemed to be situated in Scotland; and any installation in the Northern Irish area and any waters lying within 500 metres of such an installation (not being waters lying within the English or Scottish area and within 500 metres of an installation in either of those areas) shall be deemed to be situated in Northern Ireland.