



Continental Shelf (Pohokura Platform B Safety Zone) Regulations 2006

Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 31st day of January 2006

Present:

The Right Hon Helen Clark presiding in Council

Pursuant to section 8 of the Continental Shelf Act 1964, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Continental Shelf (Pohokura Platform B Safety Zone) Regulations 2006.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 2 March 2006.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations,—

installation means the platform Pohokura Platform B situated over the position 38°54'42.9''S 174°16'15.4''E

safety zone means the safety zone established by regulation 4
ship has the same meaning as in the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

4 Safety zone established

A safety zone extends from each point of the outer edge of the installation to a distance of 500 m.

5 Entry of ships prohibited

A ship must not enter the safety zone unless it is engaged in constructing or servicing the installation, submarine pipelines, or associated offshore facilities.

6 Offence

- (1) Every person who is for the time being in charge of a ship that enters the safety zone in contravention of regulation 5 commits an offence.
- (2) Every person who commits an offence against subclause (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

7 Defence

It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against regulation 6(1) if the ship's entry into the safety zone was—

- (a) to secure the safety of the ship in an emergency, whether or not caused by stress of weather; or
- (b) to save, or prevent danger to, human life or a ship in distress; or
- (c) compelled by an event or circumstance beyond the control of the person for the time being in charge of the ship.

Diane Morcom,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 2 March 2006, establish a safety zone around the offshore gas platform, Pohokura Platform B. The regulations prohibit the entry of ships into the safety zone, with some exceptions related to the construction and functions of the platform.

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