

THE CONTINENTAL SHELF (FLOATING PRODUCTION, STORAGE, AND OFF-LOADING INSTALLATION SAFETY ZONE) REGULATIONS 1996

MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 6th day of May 1996

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. DON MCKINNON PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 8 of the Continental Shelf Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

- 1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Continental Shelf (Floating Production, Storage, and Off-Loading Installation Safety Zone) Regulations 1996.
 - (2) These regulations shall come into force on the 3rd day of June 1996.
 - 2. Interpretation—In these regulations—
 - "Installation" means the floating production, storage, and off-loading installation situated over the position 39° 39′ 24″ S 173° 18′ 26″ E:
 - "Ship" has the meaning given to that term by the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

- **3. Establishment of safety zone**—There is hereby established a safety zone extending to a distance of 500m measured from each point of the outer edge of the installation.
- **4. Entry of ships prohibited**—(1) The entry of ships (other than ships engaged in constructing or servicing the installation or loading product from the installation) into the safety zone established by regulation 3 of these regulations is hereby prohibited.
- (2) Every person for the time being in charge of any ship which enters the safety zone in contravention of subclause (1) of this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations, it is a defence to a prosecution under these regulations if the entry of the ship into the safety zone to which the prosecution relates was made necessary by force majeure or for the purpose of saving life or a ship in distress.

MARIE SHROFF, 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 3 June 1996, establish a safety zone around the floating production, storage, and off-loading installation installed off the Taranaki coast and prohibit the entry of ships (other than ships engaged in constructing or servicing the installation or loading product from the installation) into the safety zone.

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