



Continental Shelf (Kupe Wellhead Platform Safety Zone) Regulations 2006

Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 11th day of December 2006

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 8 of the Continental Shelf Act 1964, His 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 (Kupe Wellhead Platform Safety Zone) Regulations 2006.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 March 2007.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations,—

installation means the platform known as Kupe Wellhead Platform situated over the position 39°51'03.35"S 174°07'11.79"E

safety zone means the safety zone established by regulation 4
ship has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of 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 metres.

5 Entry of ships prohibited

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

6 Offence

- (1) A person commits an offence if he or she is for the time being in charge of a ship that enters the safety zone in breach of regulation 5.
- (2) A 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.

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for 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 come into force on 1 March 2007. They establish a safety zone around the offshore gas platform, Kupe Wellhead Platform, located over New Zealand's continental shelf. The regulations prohibit the entry of ships into the safety zone, with some exceptions for constructing and servicing the platform.

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