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**THE OIL IN NAVIGABLE WATERS (PROHIBITED SEA AREAS)
REGULATIONS 1971**

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 3rd day of May 1971

Present:

THE HON. J. RAE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1965, 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 Oil in Navigable Waters (Prohibited Sea Areas) Regulations 1971.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of September 1971.

2. Interpretation—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Convention” means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954 as amended in 1962:

“From the nearest land”, in relation to any sea area, means from the baseline from which the territorial sea of the territory in question is established in accordance with the Geneva Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone 1958.

(2) For the purposes of section 5 of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1965 the prescribed date shall be the 1st day of September 1971, being the date prescribed for the purposes of that Act by regulation 2 (2) of the Oil in Navigable Waters (Exceptions) Regulations 1971.

3. Prohibited sea areas—For the purposes specified in section 5 of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1965 and for the purposes of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954 as amended in 1962, the prohibited sea areas shall be the areas specified as prohibited zones in the Schedule to these regulations.

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PROHIBITED ZONES

(1) All sea areas within 50 miles from the nearest land shall be prohibited zones.

(2) The following sea areas, in so far as they extend more than 50 miles from the nearest land, shall also be prohibited zones:

(a) Pacific Ocean—

The Canadian Western Zone: The Canadian Western Zone shall extend for a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the west coast of Canada.

(b) North Atlantic Ocean, North Sea, and Baltic Sea—

(i) *The North-West Atlantic Zone:* The North-West Atlantic Zone shall comprise the sea areas within a line drawn from latitude 38°47' north, longitude 73°43' west to latitude 39°58' north, longitude 68°34' west; thence to latitude 42°05' north, longitude 64°37' west; thence along the east coast of Canada at a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land.

(ii) *The Icelandic Zone:* The Icelandic Zone shall extend for a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Iceland.

(iii) *The Norwegian, North Sea, and Baltic Sea Zone:* The Norwegian, North Sea, and Baltic Sea Zone shall extend for a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Norway and shall include the whole of the North Sea and of the Baltic Sea and its Gulfs.

(iv) *The North-East Atlantic Zone:* The North-East Atlantic Zone shall include the sea areas within a line drawn between the following positions:

Latitude	Longitude
62° north	2° east,
64° north	00°;
64° north	10° west,
60° north	14° west;
54°30' north	30° west,
53° north	40° west;
44°20' north	40° west,
44°20' north	30° west;
46° north	20° west, thence towards

Cape Finisterre at the intersection of the 50 mile limit.

(v) *The Spanish Zone:* The Spanish Zone shall comprise the areas of the Atlantic Ocean within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Spain.

(vi) *The Portuguese Zone:* The Portuguese Zone shall comprise the area of the Atlantic Ocean within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Portugal.

(c) Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas—

The Mediterranean and Adriatic Zone: The Mediterranean and Adriatic Zone shall comprise the sea areas within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coasts of each of

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the territories bordering the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas, but shall not include the associated sea area in respect of each territory until the date on which the Convention shall have come into force in respect of that territory.

(d) *Black Sea and Sea of Azov—*

The Black Sea and Sea of Azov Zone: The Black Sea and Sea of Azov Zone shall comprise the sea areas within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coasts of each of the territories bordering the Black Sea and Sea of Azov, but (until the date specified in the proviso to this paragraph) shall not include the associated sea area in respect of each territory before the date on which the Convention shall have come into force in respect of that territory:

Provided that the whole of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov shall become a prohibited zone on the date on which the Convention shall have come into force in respect of Roumania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

(e) *Red Sea—*

The Red Sea Zone: The Red Sea Zone shall comprise the sea areas within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coasts of each of the territories bordering the Red Sea, but shall not include the associated sea area in respect of each territory until the date on which the Convention shall have come into force in respect of that territory.

(f) *Persian Gulf—*

(i) *The Kuwait Zone:* The Kuwait Zone shall comprise the sea area within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Kuwait.

(ii) *The Saudi Arabian Zone:* The Saudi Arabian Zone shall comprise the sea area within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Saudi Arabia and shall come into existence on the date on which the Convention shall have come into force in respect of Saudi Arabia.

(g) *Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, and Indian Ocean—*

(i) *The Arabian Sea Zone:* The Arabian Sea Zone shall comprise the sea areas within a line drawn between the following positions:

Latitude	Longitude
23°33' north	68°20' east,
23°33' north	67°30' east;
22° north	68° east,
20° north	70° east;
18°55' north	72° east,
15°40' north	72°42' east;
8°30' north	75°48' east,
7°10' north	76°50' east;
7°10' north	78°14' east,
9°06' north	79°32' east,

and shall come into existence on the date on which the Convention shall have come into force in respect of India.

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(ii) *The Bay of Bengal Coastal Zone:* The Bay of Bengal Coastal Zone shall comprise the sea areas between the nearest land and a line drawn between the following positions:

Latitude	Longitude
10°15' north	80°50' east,
14°30' north	81°38' east;
20°20' north	88°10' east,
20°20' north	89° east,

and shall come into existence on the date on which the Convention shall have come into force in respect of India.

(iii) *The Malagasy Zone:* The Malagasy Zone shall comprise the sea area within a distance of 100 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Madagascar west of the meridians of Cape d'Ambre in the north and of Cape Ste. Marie in the south and within a distance of 150 miles from the nearest land along the coast of Madagascar east of these meridians, and shall come into existence when the Convention shall have come into force in respect of the Malagasy Republic.

(h) *Australia—*

The Australian Zone: The Australian Zone shall comprise the sea area within a distance of 150 miles from the nearest land along the coasts of Australia, except off the north and west coasts of the Australian mainland between the point opposite Thursday Island and the point on the west coast at 20° south latitude.

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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 prescribe prohibited sea areas for the purposes specified in section 5 of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1965 and for the purposes of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954 as amended in 1962.

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