

2013 No. 3162

CONTINENTAL SHELF

The Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Order 2013

Made - - - - *11th December 2013*

Coming into force - - *31st March 2014*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of December 2013

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964(a), section 3(3) of the Territorial Sea Act 1987(b) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Order 2013, and comes into force on 31st March 2014.

(2) The Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) (Consolidation) Order 2000(c) and the Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Order 2001(d) are revoked.

(3) In respect of the matters referred to in section 2(4) of the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (which continues in effect certain regulations and licences relating to petroleum), the Continental Shelf (Designation of Areas) Orders 1964 to 1982(e) shall continue to have effect as they had effect immediately before the coming into force of the Territorial Sea Act 1987.

(4) The coordinates in the Schedules to this Order are defined on the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum (WGS84).

2. The areas which are designated as areas within which the rights of the United Kingdom outside territorial waters with respect to the sea bed and subsoil and their natural resources are exercisable are:

- (a) The area designated under section 41(3) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009(f) (the exclusive economic zone), except that between points 177 and 184 inclusive the area shall extend only to the line described in Schedule A to this Order; and
- (b) The area bounded by the lines defined in Schedule B to this Order.

(a) 1964 c. 29; section 1(7) was amended by the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 (c.23), section 37 and Schedule 3, paragraph 1, and by the Energy Act 2011 (c.16), section 103.

(b) 1987 c.49.

(c) S.I.2000/3062.

(d) S.I. 2001/3670.

(e) S.I. 1964/697, 1965/1531, 1968/891, 1971/594, 1974/1489, 1976/1153, 1977/1871, 1978/178, 1978/1029, 1979/1447, 1982/1072.

(f) 2009 c.23.

SCHEDULE A

Article 2(a)

<i>Point No.</i>	<i>Column 2</i> Latitude	Longitude	<i>Column 2</i> Line Type to following point
176	60° 24'.077N	004° 44'.272W	Geodesic
224	60° 21'.101N	004° 56'.672W	Geodesic
225	60° 18'.754N	005° 24'.195W	Geodesic
226	59° 56'.450N	009° 00'.660W	Geodesic
227	60° 00'.951N	010° 20'.853W	Geodesic
228	60° 02'.137N	010° 50'.778W	Geodesic
183	60° 02'.833N	011° 16'.458W	

SCHEDULE B

Article 2(b)

<i>Point No.</i>	<i>Column 1</i> Latitude	Longitude	<i>Column 2</i> Line Type to following point
185	60° 09'.031N	013° 16'.199W	Loxodrome
229	59° 58'.325665N	020° 24'.889406W	Geodesic
230	59° 24'.543779N	021° 24'.656972W	Geodesic
231	58° 52'.437949N	022° 20'.273917W	Geodesic
232	58° 20'.486754N	023° 19'.046509W	Geodesic
233	58° 19'.751655N	023° 20'.328764W	Geodesic
234	58° 19'.005168N	023° 21'.586630W	Geodesic
235	58° 18'.247566N	023° 22'.819838W	Geodesic
236	58° 17'.479049N	023° 24'.027982W	Geodesic
237	58° 16'.699889N	023° 25'.210659W	Geodesic
238	58° 15'.910289N	023° 26'.367869W	Geodesic
239	58° 15'.110449N	023° 27'.498937W	Geodesic
240	58° 14'.300642N	023° 28'.603730W	Geodesic
241	58° 13'.481072N	023° 29'.681978W	Geodesic
242	58° 12'.651940N	023° 30'.733411W	Geodesic
243	58° 11'.813590N	023° 31'.757626W	Geodesic
244	58° 10'.966227N	023° 32'.754486W	Geodesic
245	58° 10'.110052N	023° 33'.723723W	Geodesic
246	58° 09'.245341N	023° 34'.665068W	Geodesic
247	58° 08'.372369N	023° 35'.578250W	Geodesic
248	58° 07'.491338N	023° 36'.463001W	Geodesic
249	58° 06'.602598N	023° 37'.319185W	Geodesic
250	58° 05'.706280N	023° 38'.146534W	Geodesic
251	58° 04'.802662N	023° 38'.944912W	Geodesic

	<i>Column 1</i>		<i>Column 2</i>
Point No.	Latitude	Longitude	Line Type to following point
252	58° 03'.892091N	023° 39'.714184W	Geodesic
253	58° 02'.974844N	023° 40'.453946W	Geodesic
254	58° 02'.051057N	023° 41'.164199W	Geodesic
255	58° 01'.121008N	023° 41'.844673W	Geodesic
256	58° 01'.062803N	023° 41'.885232W	Geodesic
257	57° 28'.000000N	025° 08'.122804W	Parallel of latitude
258	57° 28'.00N	023° 57'.40W	Meridian of longitude
259	57° 22'.00N	023° 57'.40W	Parallel of latitude
260	57° 22'.00N	021° 32'.00W	Meridian of longitude
261	57° 14'.00N	021° 32'.00W	Parallel of latitude
262	57° 14'.00N	019° 30'.00W	Meridian of longitude
263	57° 05'.50N	019° 30'.00W	Parallel of latitude
264	57° 05'.50N	017° 24'.00W	Meridian of longitude
265	56° 56'.00N	017° 24'.00W	Parallel of latitude
266	56° 56'.00N	015° 36'.00W	Meridian of longitude
267	56° 49'.00N	015° 36'.00W	Parallel of latitude
268	56° 49'.00000N	014° 30'.57261W	268 to 186 are joined by a line every point of which is 200 nautical miles from the nearest point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is measured.
186	56° 34'.63126N	014° 19'.86168W	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order replaces the two extant Orders made under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964, designating the areas of the continental shelf within which the rights of the United Kingdom with respect to the seabed and subsoil and their natural resources are exercisable. Under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, an exclusive economic zone (which may extend to 200 nautical miles from coastal baselines) is being declared around the United Kingdom on 31 March 2014, and it is therefore more appropriate that the areas designated under section 1(7) of the 1964 Act should be the same as those which form part of the exclusive economic zone, together with any areas of continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the United Kingdom's baselines within which the United Kingdom may exercise such rights.

In relation to regulations made and licences issued under the legislation relating to petroleum, Article 1(3) of this Order preserves their effect in relation to areas designated as continental shelf under Orders made under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 prior to the enactment of the Territorial Sea Act.

Article 2(a) of this Order designates the area of the United Kingdom's continental shelf resulting from the treaties with Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and Norway. The exception in Article 2(a) reflects the fact that in the agreement with Denmark relating to the Faroe Islands the continental shelf and exclusive economic zone boundaries differ. It has been agreed with all the States concerned that the coordinates defining the continental shelf boundaries should be expressed in the World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84).

The treaties in question are:

- (a) Belgium: Agreement of 29 May 1991, Exchange of Letters of 21 March and 7 June 2005 and Exchange of Letters of 25 June and 12 August 2013 (Cm 2499, Cm 7204 and Cm 8723);
- (b) Denmark: Agreement of 25 November 1971 and Exchange of Notes of 22 October 2009 (relating to the North Sea) (Cmnd 5193 and Cm 7893);
Agreement of 18 May 1999 and Protocol of 25 April 2012 (relating to the Faroe Islands) (Cm 4514 and Cm 8570);
- (c) France: Agreements of 24 June 1982 and 23 July 1991 and Exchange of Letters of 20 April 2011 (Cm 8859, Cm 1979 and Cm 8146); note that the continental shelf boundary between the United Kingdom and France was in part fixed by the Decisions of a Court of Arbitration dated 30 June 1977 and 14 March 1978 (Cmnd 7438);
- (d) Germany: Agreement of 25 November 1971 (Cmnd 5192);
- (e) Ireland: Agreement of 7 November 1988, Protocol of 8 December 1992 and Agreement of 28 March 2013 (Cm 990, Cm 2302 and Cm 8666);
- (f) Netherlands: Agreement of 6 October 1965, Protocol of 25 November 1971, Exchange of Notes of 28 January and 7 June 2006 and Exchange of Notes of 19 April and 3 July 2013 (Cmnd 3253, Cmnd 5193, Cm 6749 and Cm 8724);
- (g) Norway: Agreement of 10 March 1965, Protocol of 22 December 1987 and Exchange of Notes of 30 April 2009 (Cmnd 2757, Cmnd 7853 and Cm 7731).

The area described in Article 2(b) comprises an area beyond 200 nautical miles from the United Kingdom's baselines for which in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea the United Kingdom has made a submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

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