

Decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR of 13 August 1969
concerning the Application of the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the
USSR concerning the Continental Shelf of the USSR

1. In accordance with articles 3 and 8 of the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR of 6 February 1968 Concerning the Continental Shelf of the USSR, the laws of the USSR and the laws of the Union Republic whose territory is adjacent to the continental shelf of the USSR shall be deemed to be applicable to legal relations arising in connexion with research activities on the continental shelf of the USSR and with the exploration, exploitation and conservation of the natural resources of the continental shelf of the USSR.

2. Special authorizations for the conduct of research, the exploration and exploitation of natural resources, and the execution of other works on the continental shelf of the USSR by foreign individuals and bodies corporate, as provided by article 5 of the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR of 6 February 1968, shall, where the execution of such works is not expressly provided for in an agreement between the USSR and the foreign State concerned, be issued in a manner and under conditions to be determined by the Council of Ministers of the USSR.

3. The following violations shall make the offender liable to the penalties prescribed in article 6 of the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR of 6 February 1968 Concerning the Continental Shelf of the USSR:

The erection of installations and other works on the continental shelf of the USSR and the creation around them of safety zones without the appropriate authorization:

Failure to provide protection for installations and other works on the continental shelf of the USSR, to maintain permanent devices for warning of their presence, to remove installations and works which have been permanently taken out of operation, or to take steps within the safety zone to protect the living resources of the sea from harmful waste-products;

The conduct of the exploration and exploitation of natural resources, and the execution of other works on the continental shelf of the USSR by foreign individuals and bodies corporate in contravention of the requirements of article 5 of the above-mentioned Decree.

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