

Proclamation (1966/315) of 1 July 1966 Concerning the Application of the Act (1966/314) on the Continental Shelf

Article 1

Outside the territorial limit the Act on the Continental Shelf is applicable within the sea area where Sweden has sovereign rights over the continental shelf for the exploration and exploitation of its natural resources in accordance with the Convention on the Continental Shelf, signed at Geneva on April 29, 1958.

Article 2

Supervision of the observance of directions and conditions for a licence in accordance with the Act on the Continental Shelf is exercised by the National Industrial Board. In exercising the supervision, it is incumbent upon this Board to co-operate with any other authority whose activities are affected by the licence.

The National Administration of Shipping and Navigation, the Board of Customs and the National Police Board shall assist in the exercise of the supervision when so requested by the National Industrial Board.

Article 3

No licence in accordance with the Act on the Continental Shelf is required for the harvesting of living organisms.

Nor is any such licence required for scientific research carried out by a Swedish scientific institution, if the work can be conducted without hindrance to the activities carried on under the licence. The same shall apply to any other exploration conduct by Swedish physical or juridical persons inside the territorial limit, when the exploration is not concerned with the search for salt, oil or gas or involves blasting, drilling, construction of an installation or other encroachment on the nature of any importance.

Explorations referred to in the second paragraph shall be reported in writing to the National Industrial Board not less than fourteen days before the commencement of the work.

Article 4

A licence for exploring the continental shelf or extracting from it natural resources is granted by the Government, unless otherwise provided in Article 5.

Applications shall be filed with the Ministry of Industry and shall include:

- 1) particulars of the applicant's domicile and postal address, and, if the applicant is an alien corporation, of the subsidiary company the applicant has or intends to establish in Sweden for the intended activities;
- 2) particulars of the kind and scope of the intended activities and the area and period of time the application refers to;
- 3) a working programme for the activities;
- 4) particulars of the measures which the applicant considers necessary to prevent water pollution and

interference with navigation, fishing and other public or private interests;

- 5) particulars of the applicant's technical and financial prerequisites for the activities;
- 6) a map, drawn up in accordance with the instructions of the National Industrial Board, together with a description of the area to which the application refers;
- 7) certificates to which the applicant wishes to refer to in order to substantiate the information given in 3) - 5).

The application shall be submitted in not less than six copies.

Article 5

A licence to exploit deposits of sand, gravel or stone in an area wholly situated within public waters in the sea area is granted by the National Industrial Board, unless otherwise provided in the last paragraph. An application for such licence shall be submitted in not less than six copies. The National Industrial Board shall in questions involving applications for licence request statements from the National Environment Protection Board, the local authority and other authorities concerned.

The licence shall be granted for a specified period, at most ten years, and shall refer to a specific area. The licence shall state the extent to which sand, gravel or stone may be extracted, and give the directions necessary for reasonably protecting other interests such as navigation, fishing and natural assets or as are otherwise called for the provisions of the Convention on the Continental Shelf. The licence shall contain a reminder to the effect that the activities may be carried out in accordance with other legislation.

A fee shall be charged for the licence unless the small size of the enterprise or any other particular reason occasion otherwise. The fee is determined by the Industrial Board.

If the deposit, to which the application refers, is on a large scale, or may cause substantial harm, or if the National Environment Protection Board should for any other reasons so require, the National Industrial Board shall submit the matter to the Government with its own opinion.

Article 6

Exploration of the continental shelf or exploitation of its natural resources may not be carried out in such a way as to damage submarine cables or result in unjustifiable interference with navigation, fishing or the living resources of the sea.

The party granted a licence in accordance with the Act on the Continental Shelf is obliged to tolerate the laying or maintenance of cables or pipe lines within the area covered by the licence to the extent the work is carried out without unduly obstructing the activities of the licensee.

The licensee is also obliged to tolerate that, within the area covered by the licence, fundamental oceanographic or any other scientific research is carried out with the intention of open publication.

Article 7

Fees referred to in the third paragraph of article 4 in the Act on the Continental Shelf shall be paid to the National Industrial Board.

Article 8

Anyone who neglects to submit a report in accordance with the third paragraph of article 3 shall be sentenced to pay a fine.

This Proclamation enters into force on July 1, 1966.

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