

Continental Shelf (Maari Development Safety Zones) Regulations 2008

Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 19th day of May 2008

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 (Maari Development Safety Zones) Regulations 2008.

2 Commencement

- These regulations come into force on 23 May 2008.

3 Interpretation

- In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

floating installation means the floating production, storage, and offloading installation *Raroa* that, immediately before the commencement of these regulations, was moored at the floating installation point

floating installation point means the point whose co-ordinates are 39°58'21.8623"S 173°17'51.6630"E

floating installation rotation zone means the area bounded by the locus (while the floating installation is moored at the floating installation point) of the part of the floating installation most distant from the floating installation point

floating installation safety zone means the safety zone established by regulation 5

locus, in relation to the point of the floating installation most distant from the installation point, means the arc of points through which that part of the floating installation can pivot

ship has the meaning given to it by the Maritime Transport Act 1994

wellhead installation means the wellhead platform that, immediately before the commencement of these regulations, was situated in the offshore Taranaki Basin with its centre at the point whose co-ordinates are 39°59'09.0090"S 173°17'37.8080"E

wellhead safety zone means the safety zone established by regulation 4.

4 Wellhead safety zone established

- This regulation establishes a safety zone comprising an area extending to a distance of 500 m measured from each point of the outer edge of the wellhead installation.

5 Floating installation safety zone established

- This regulation establishes a safety zone comprising—
 - (a) the floating installation rotation zone; and

- (b) the annular (ring-shaped) area next to the floating installation rotation zone—
 - (i) bounded on its inner edge by the outer edge of the floating installation rotation zone; and
 - (ii) bounded on its outer edge by a line 500 m from the outer edge of the floating installation rotation zone.

6 Entry of certain ships into safety zones prohibited

- (1) A ship must not enter the wellhead safety zone unless it is engaged in constructing, repairing, or servicing—
 - (a) the wellhead; or
 - (b) a submarine pipeline connected or to be connected to the wellhead; or
 - (c) facilities associated with the wellhead or any such pipeline.

(2) While the floating installation is moored at the floating installation point, a ship must not enter the floating installation safety zone unless—

- (a) it is engaged in constructing, repairing, or servicing—
 - (i) the floating installation; or
 - (ii) a submarine pipeline connected or to be connected to the floating installation; or
 - (iii) facilities associated with the floating installation or any such pipeline; or
- (b) it is a tanker entering the zone to load crude oil.

7 Offence

- (1) The person in charge of a ship when it enters the wellhead safety zone in contravention of regulation 6(1) or enters the floating installation safety zone in contravention of regulation 6(2) commits an offence, unless the ship's entry of the zone—
 - (a) was for the purpose of securing the ship's safety in an emergency (whether or not caused by stress of weather); or
 - (b) was for the purpose of saving, or preventing danger to, human life or a ship in distress; or
 - (c) was compelled by an event or circumstance beyond the control of the person charged.

(2) A person who commits an offence against subclause (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

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for Clerk of the Executive Council.

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