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OFFSHORE MINERALS

The Offshore Installations (Safety Zones) (Exceptions) Regulations 1998

(S. R. & O. No. 20 of 1998)

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IN EXERCISE of my powers under section 32(1)(b) of the Offshore Minerals Ordinance 1998^(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I make the following Regulations—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Offshore Minerals (Exceptions) Regulations 1998 and shall come into force on 30 March 1998.

Exceptions from prohibition upon entering safety zone

2. The prohibition in section 32(1) of the Offshore Minerals Ordinance 1994 on a vessel entering or remaining in a safety zone established around an installation by virtue of section 30 or 31 of the Ordinance shall not apply to a vessel entering or remaining in the safety zone—

(a) in connection with the laying, inspection, testing, repair, alteration, renewal or removal of any submarine cable or pipe-line in or near the safety zone;

(b) to provide services for, to transport persons or goods to or from, or under the authority of the Governor or of the Director of Oil to inspect, any installation in that safety zone;

(c) in connection with the saving or attempted saving of life or property;

(d) owing to stress of weather; or

(e) when in distress.

^(a) No. 16 of 1994

Made this 27th day of February 1998

R P Ralph
Governor

EXPLANATORY NOTE
(not forming part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide exceptions to the prohibition upon vessels entering a safety zone established by virtue of section 30(2) (automatic safety zones) or section 31 (special safety zones) of the Offshore Minerals Ordinance 1994. "Vessel" is defined in section 32(5) of the Ordinance as including a hovercraft, submersible apparatus and an installation in transit.