

I, ROBERT MOLLOY, Minister for Energy in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 6(1) of the Continental Shelf Act, 1968 (No. 14 of 1968), and the Industry and Energy (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order, 1983 (S.I. No. 385 of 1983), and after consultation with the Minister for Tourism and Transport and the Minister for Agriculture and Food, hereby, for the purpose of protecting certain installations in the area standing designated by the Continental Shelf (Designated Areas) Order, 1989 (S.I. No. 141 of 1989), order as follows:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (Ballycotton Field) Order, 1991.
2. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of September, 1991.
3. Subject to Article 4 of this Order, ships are hereby prohibited from entering the area specified in the Schedule to this Order without the consent of the Minister.
4. Article 3 of this Order shall not apply in relation to:

( a ) ships providing any services requested by the lessee under the Petroleum Lease dated the 7th day of May, 1970, and made between the Minister for Energy of the first part, the Minister for Finance of the second part and Marathon Petroleum Company (Ireland) Limited of the third part,

( b ) ships in distress or carrying out movements with a view to saving or attempting to save life or property or entering the area specified in the Schedule to this Order owing to stress of weather, or

( c ) ships belonging to, or employed in the service of, the State, and used for defence or fishery protection purposes.

That part of the area standing designated by the Continental Shelf (Designated Areas) Order, 1989 (S.I. No. 141 of 1989), that is bounded by a line every point of which is 500 metres from the point with co-ordinates:

51° 27' 07.072"N latitude 08° 07' 28.766"W longitude

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 14th day of August, 1991.

ROBERT MOLLOY,

Minister for Energy.

This order establishes a safety zone around offshore installations attached to the Ballycotton Gas Field and

prohibits ships from entering the zone except with the consent of the Minister for Energy or in the circumstances provided for in Article 4 of the Order.