

**Royal Decree of 22 April 1983 amending the Royal Decree of 7 October 1974  
on the Granting of Concessions for the Exploration and Exploitation  
of the Mineral and Other Non-living Resources of the Continental Shelf**

On the proposal of Our Minister of Economic Affairs, We hereby issue the following Decree:

**Article 1**

The Royal Decree of 7 October 1974 on the granting of concessions for the exploration and exploitation of the mineral and other non-living resources of the continental shelf shall incorporate an article 12 bis reading as follows:

**Article 12 bis**

1. In cases where the purpose of exploration and exploitation is to obtain sand for use in coastal or port operations executed by or on behalf of the State, the application for a concession shall be replaced by a notification.
2. The notification shall be made by the Minister of Public Works in the form prescribed, providing the information referred to in article 1.
3. The Minister of Economic Affairs shall submit the notification to the Ministers referred to in article 3 and shall set a deadline for their response, after which it shall be disregarded.
4. Exploration and exploitation may not commence until the Minister of Economic Affairs has officially issued the notification.
5. The notification shall be recorded in a special register.

**Article 2**

Our Minister of Economic Affairs shall be responsible for the execution of this Decree.