

adapted, altered or fitted for the purpose of concealing goods, namely oil fuel.

Whereby and by force of Section 88[c] of the Customs & Excise Management Act 1979, the aforesaid vehicle is liable to forfeiture.

(b) the bulk oil fuel storage tanks were mixed, packed, or found with the aforesaid things which were liable to forfeiture.

Whereby and by force of Section 141 [1] [b] of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, the bulk oil fuel storage tanks and discharge pipe system are also liable to forfeiture.

If you claim that all or any of the aforesaid goods are not liable to forfeiture you must within one month from the date of publication of this notice of seizure, give notice of your claim in writing to the Commissioners at an office of Customs and Excise. Your notice must also specify your name and address, the goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture and, if you are outside the United Kingdom, the name and address of a solicitor in the United Kingdom who is authorised to accept service of process and to act on your behalf. In default of such notice all the aforesaid goods will be deemed to have been duly condemned as forfeited. If you give notice as set out above, legal proceedings will be taken for the condemnation of all goods claimed as not liable to forfeiture.

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## Transport



## ROADS Service

### Cycle Tracks (Coleraine) Order (NI) 2001

Notice is hereby given that the Department for Regional Development made on 28th March 2001 an Order entitled Cycle Tracks (Coleraine) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. 2001 No. 136) which will come into operation on 23rd April 2001. The effect of the Order is to introduce cycle tracks in Coleraine on lengths of the western and north-western footways of Circular Road, on part of a traffic island at that road's junction with the access road to Bannside Wharf, on lengths of the north-western footway of Millburn Road and on a footpath within Anderson Park.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from Room 225, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB.



## Planning



## Pipe-Lines

### Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulation 1999

Licence P.953 - Licence having effect under the Petroleum Act 1998 BLOCK 132/6

Pursuant to regulation 5(8) of above Regulations, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry gives notice that, being content that the requirements of the above Regulations have been satisfied, he has, pursuant to Licence P.953 granted a consent to Conoco (UK) Limited to the drilling of an exploration well in block 132/6. The consent for well 132/6-A took effect from 26th March 2001.

Conoco (U.K.) Ltd. (CUKL) proposes to drill a single exploration well in their Tranche 21 licence area, located in the Atlantic waters to the west of the Hebrides. The well will be located within a 2 km radius of position 56°45'46"N. 09°50'38"W, in a water depth of about 1,920 metres, some 135 km from nearest land.

CUKL plans to start drilling the well in May 2001. After considering various drilling options, because of the deep-water location CUKL proposes employing a dynamically positioned *ultra deep water drillship*, using water-based muds for all hole sections.

The ES presents a comprehensive review of available environmental information of this deep-water region west of the Hebrides.

On completion of drilling, the well will be evaluated and then either suspended or abandoned. No well testing activities will be undertaken. If the well is to be abandoned this will involve cutting the well casings to a minimum depth of c.3 metres below the sea-bed, followed by debris clearance survey.

Four activities were identified as presenting the risk of potential impact and were assessed in more detail in the ES:

- discharge of drilling mud and cuttings;
- atmospheric emissions from power generation;
- noise associated with drilling operations.
- accidental spillage of hydrocarbons.

With reference to the discharge of drilling mud and cuttings the mud chemicals fall mainly into HOCNS Group E, with some 84% of the total mud chemical usage being PLONOR List Substances. Cuttings from the two top hole sections will be deposited immediately adjacent to the well, resulting in a small (25-40 metre) cuttings pile (average thickness of about 30 mm). Cuttings dispersion modelling suggests rapid dispersion in the deep waters, resulting in no expected impact beyond the immediate top-hole cuttings pile.

Atmospheric emissions are expected to be within routine drilling rig operational standards, with estimated emissions presented in the ES for drilling and support operations.

The ES discusses noise generation and potential impacts (section 6.5) and places emphasis on the short-term nature of the drilling operation. No significant impact was identified.

The ES identifies that the most likely spill risk arises from bunkering but states that spills of a light distillate fuel oil would disperse extremely rapidly, with 'negligible' environmental impact.

In addressing the risk of a blow-out, CUKL cites low probability based on drilling experience to date on the UKCS.

After a request by DTI, Conoco provided more adequate information regarding the basis to the selection of the drill-ship and its assessment of potential risks from the use of the vessel for drilling well 132/06-A, particularly in relation to oil spill risk.

No significant impact was identified from the drilling of this well. Both JNCC and FRS agree. The drilling of this well is unlikely to impact any future potential SAC.

## Health



## Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

### Construction (Design and Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR No. 142)

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment in exercise of powers conferred on it by the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, has Regulations entitled "Construction (Design and Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001".

These Regulations amend the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (SR 1995 No. 209) so as to ensure that legal duties on designers to build safety into a design, apply not only to a design prepared by them personally, but also to a design prepared by an employee or other person under their control.

The Regulations come into operation on 3rd May 2001.

Copies of these Regulations may be purchased from The Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD, ISBN 0 337 02487 1. £1.75 net.