



Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 60

General provisions for preventing oil pollution

1 Discharge of certain oils into sea outside territorial waters.

(1) F1

(2) This section applies—

- (a) to crude oil, fuel oil and lubricating oil; and
- (b) to heavy diesel oil, as defined by regulations made under this section by the Secretary of State;

and shall also apply to any other description of oil which may be specified by regulations made by the Secretary of State, having regard to the provisions of any Convention accepted by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in so far as it relates to the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil, or having regard to the persistent character of oil of that description and the likelihood that it would cause pollution if discharged from a ship into any part of the sea outside the territorial waters of the United Kingdom.

(3) F1

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(1)(3)(4) repealed by S.I. 1983/1106, art. 2, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 1 excluded (20.8.2005) by Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2055), regs. 1, **18(1)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971, Section 1.