
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations relate to offshore installations to which the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971 applies.

The Regulations contain provisions for the election of safety representatives and confer on them functions and powers in relation to the health and safety of the installation workforce. They also provide for time off with pay for safety representatives in order that they may perform their functions and undergo training in aspects of those functions.

The Regulations contain provisions for the owner of an installation to establish safety committees in accordance with these Regulations. The safety committee's functions include keeping under review health and safety on the installation and making representations and recommendations to the installation manager, as appropriate.

The Regulations impose duties on installation owners, installation managers and employers of persons on installations to give effect to these requirements and make breaches of those duties a criminal offence.