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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 1861**

**The Offshore Installations (Emergency  
Pollution Control) Regulations 2002**

**Offences**

5.—(1) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any requirement of a direction given to him under regulation 3 above shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who intentionally obstructs any person who is—

- (a) acting on behalf of the Secretary of State in connection with the giving or service of a direction under regulation 3 above;
- (b) acting in compliance with a direction under that regulation; or
- (c) acting under paragraph (4) or (5) of that regulation,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) In proceedings for an offence under paragraph (1) above, it shall be a defence for the accused to prove—

- (a) that, subject to regulation 3(6) above, he has used all due diligence to ensure compliance with the direction; or
- (b) that he had reasonable cause for believing that compliance with the direction would have involved a serious risk to human life.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) or (2) above shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £50,000;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.