S.I. No. 226 of 1998. CONTINENTAL SHELF (CORRIB NORTH, 18/20-2) ORDER, 1998.

- I, MICHAEL WOODS, Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 6(1) (as amended by section 5 of the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1995 (No. 35 of 1995)) of the Continental Shelf Act, 1968 (No. 14 of 1968), and by the Petroleum and Offshore Exploration (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order, 1997 (S.I. No. 429 of 1997), hereby, for the purpose of protecting certain installations in the area standing designated by the Continental Shelf (Designated Areas) Order, 1993 (S.I. No. 92 of 1993), order as follows:
- 1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (Corrib North, 18/20-2) Order, 1998.
- (2) This Order shall come into operation on the 28th day of June, 1998.
- 2. In this Order "the Minister" means the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources.
- 3. Subject to Article 4 of this Order, ships are hereby prohibited from entering the area specified in the Schedule to this Order without the consent of the Minister and while the installation is located at not more than 50 metres from the co-ordinates specified in paragraph 1 of the Schedule to this Order.
- 4. Article 3 of this Order shall not apply in relation to-
- (a) ships providing any services in relation to the Corrib North 18/20-2 well drilling programme under Frontier Exploration Licence 3/94 made on the 15th March, 1994, being services requested by the operator of that Licence;
- (b) ships in distress or carrying out movements with a view to saving or attempting to save life or property or entering the area specified in the Schedule to this Order owing to stress of weather; or
- (c) ships belonging to, or employed in the service of, the State and used for defence or fishery protection purposes.

SCHEDULE

1. That part of the area standing designated by the Continental Shelf (Designated Areas) Order 1993 (S.I. No. 92 of 1993) that is bounded by an imaginary line each point of which is 500 metres from the nearest point to that point of the installation so positioned that some part of it is not more than 50 metres from the point which has the co-ordinates:

54°20"23.413" N latitude and 11°03'20.711" W longitude

2. The co-ordinates of latitude and longitude aforesaid are co-ordinates of latitude and longitude on European Datum 1950 (ED 50).

GIVEN under my hand, this 26th day of June, 1998.

MICHAEL WOODS,

Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This Order establishes a safety zone around offshore installations attached to the Corrib North, 18/20-2 and prohibits ships from entering the zone except with the consent of the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources or in the circumstances provided for in Article 4 of the Order.