

Circular - Series R

Circular Series R (Regulations) supersedes previous Series F. In the new Series R, relevant legal amendments and amendments to conventions are also published.

Circular recipients: (check box)

- Sdir: Norwegian Maritime Authority
- A: 16 specially authorised employment offices
- U: Selected foreign service missions
- P: Equipment manufacturers, any subgroups
- OFF: Offshore companies / OIM / operators
- Hov: Main organisations
- H.i. Bodies or agencies for their comments
- Others:

No.: **RSR 10-2022**

Date: 21.06.2022

Journal No.: 2021/88675-Tvi

Supersedes:

Reference to: Regulations for trade areas.

Regulation concerning amendments to Regulations on trade areas

The Norwegian Maritime Authority has laid down amendments to the Regulations of 4 November 1981 No. 3793 on trade areas (Trade Area Regulations).

The proposal was circulated for review in the period from 28 February 2022 to 1 June 2022. A total of 11 consultative statements came in, whereof 2 included comments to the proposal.

Entry into force

The amendments enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Details of the proposal

Amendments to the trade area Bank fishing I.

Based on comments from the Norwegian Fishermen's Association and input from several fishing vessel companies, the NMA has laid down some minor amendments to the coordinates of the trade area Bank fishing I.

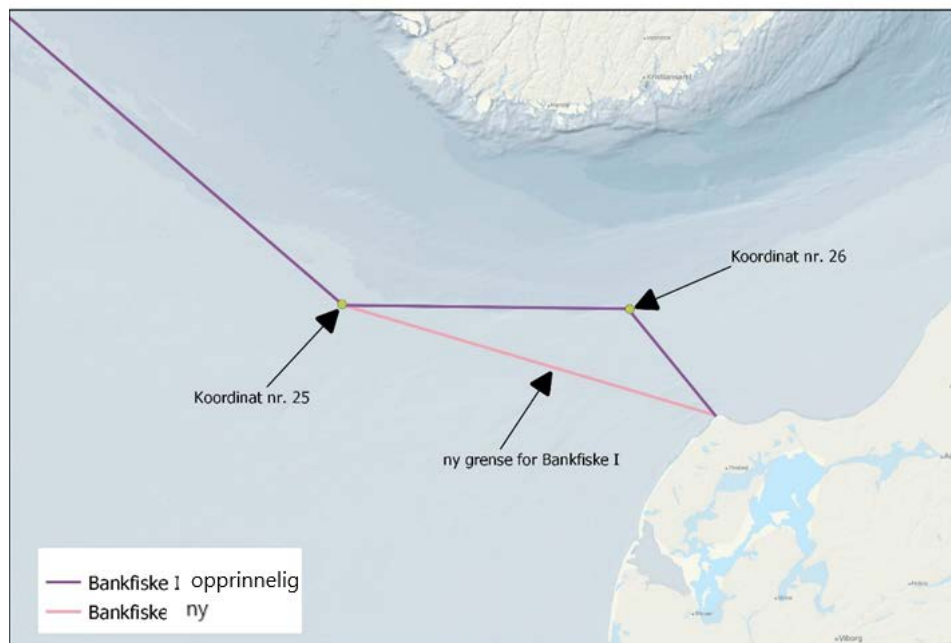
In the Trade Area Regulations section 23 first paragraph, coordinate No. 26 is deleted and the following sentence is amended to:

and the Skagerrak, in the waters within an area bounded by a line between coordinate No. 25 to Hanstholm in Denmark and the Skaw in Denmark to Tistlarna in Sweden.

By deleting coordinate No. 26, there will be a straight line from coordinate No. 25 to Hanstholm in Denmark.

This amendment is illustrated below.

Endring • fartsområdet Bankfiske I



- Koordinat nr. 26 slettes
- Trekker ny rett linje fra koordinat nr. 25 til Hanstholm i Danmark



The trade area Bank fishing I has been amended several times. It is the NMA's assessment that the regulatory amendments now laid down will not lead to any change in the risk scenario for fishing vessels certified to operate in Bank fishing I. The Norwegian Fishermen's Association has said that they support this proposal. It is the opinion of the Norwegian Environment Agency that the amendment will not affect the environment significantly beyond the current activity. However, they do point to the significance of this area to sand eel in the North Sea.

Amendments to the Trade Area Regulations Annex I. Geographical limitations for trade area. Completely sheltered waters

In Annex I, 6. Haugesund district (map No. 17 – 19 – 20 – 205 – 206), it is proposed to remove "Karsfjorden" from the list. The area north of the line drawn between Nedstrand lykt – Hebnæs is within the existing limitation of trade area 1. It is the NMA's opinion that the further limitation is unnecessary.

See illustration in the map cutout below.

Administrative and financial implications

The laid down amendments will not have negative financial or administrative implications for the industry. No certificates will have to be changed because of the amendments.

Yours faithfully,

Knut Arild Hareide
Director General of Shipping and Navigation

Linda Bruås
Head of Department

This document has been electronically approved, and therefore does not contain handwritten signatures.

Attachment: Regulation concerning amendments to Regulations of 4 November 1981 No. 3793 on trade areas