

Regulations of 9 July 1992 No. 1269 on notification of acute pollution or danger of acute pollution

Legal basis: Laid down by the Ministry of the Environment on 9 July 1992 under the Act of 13 March 1981 No. 6 concerning protection against pollution and concerning waste (Pollution Control Act) section 39 third paragraph, cf. Formal Delegation of 20 December 2002 No. 1805.

Amendments: Amended by Regulations of 31 August 2001 No. 1016 (to the effect that the Norwegian continental shelf is no longer included in the scope) and 27 June 2007 No. 723 (i.a. legal basis).

Section 1

Definition

Acute pollution means a major pollution incident which occurs suddenly and which is not permitted under the provisions of or pursuant to the Pollution Control Act.

Section 2

Scope

These Regulations apply to major pollution

- within Norway's national boundaries.
- in Norway's economic zone or in danger of occurring in Norway's economic zone where the source of pollution is a Norwegian vessel or installation.

Amended by Regulation of 31 August 2001 No. 1016 (in force on 1 January 2002).

Section 3

Obligation to notify

The party responsible for acute pollution is under an obligation to give immediate notification of the incident in accordance with these Regulations. This obligation to notify also rests with any contractor carrying out work on behalf of the party responsible for the pollution.

Other persons apart from the party responsible for the pollution are also under an obligation to give such notification unless this is obviously unnecessary.

The obligation to notify also applies to acute pollution from operations for which a permit has been granted pursuant to section 11 of the Act of 13 March 1981 No. 6 concerning protection against pollution and concerning waste (Concession).

The obligation to notify also applies when there is a danger of acute pollution.

Section 4

Agencies to be notified

The Fire Services shall be notified of acute pollution or a danger of acute pollution from shore-based operations.

The Rescue Coordination Center or the nearest coast radio station shall be notified of acute pollution or the danger of acute pollution from vessels.

The main Rescue Coordination Centre and the Petroleum Directorate shall be notified of acute pollution or the danger of acute pollution from operations on the continental shelf.

The Norwegian Coastal Administration may set up a system for further notification.

Amended by Regulation of 27 June 2007 No. 723.

Section 5

Notification from aircraft

When acute pollution is discovered from an aircraft, the unit of the air traffic service with which the aircraft is in contact shall be notified.

Section 6

Supervisory authority

The Norwegian Coastal Administration, or whoever is authorized by the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, shall ensure that these Regulations are complied with.

Amended by Regulation of 27 June 2007 No. 723.

Section 7

Entry into force

These Regulations enter into force on 1 January 1993. As from the same date, the Regulations of 10 August 1977 concerning notification of discharges of oil or oily mixtures into the sea, into watercourses or on land are revoked.