

Regulations of 30 June 1987 No. 579 on special trade areas for vessels and mobile offshore units engaged in the petroleum activity and registered in the Norwegian International Ship Register

Legal basis: Laid down on 30 June 1987 by the Ministry of Trade (now the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries) under the Act of 12 June 1987 No. 48 relating to a Norwegian International Ship Register section 4 third paragraph, cf. Royal Decree of 12 June 1987 concerning delegation of the King's authority to lay down regulations pursuant to section 4 third paragraph of the Act.

Amendments: Amended by Regulations of 20 June 1989, 6 November 2002 No. 1262, 1 January 2014 No. 238, 26 February 2016 No. 197.

Section 1 *Definitions*

For the purpose of these Regulations, *ship* means any vessel and mobile offshore unit engaged in the petroleum activity, such as supply vessels, standby vessels, drilling platforms and other mobile offshore units.

Section 2 *Application*

These Regulations apply to vessels and mobile offshore units engaged in the petroleum activity as referred to in section 1. These Regulations do not apply to seismic vessels and construction vessels. *Construction vessel* means any vessel engaged in construction activities, subsea operations, pipe-laying or maintenance of units.

The Regulations of 4 November 1981 on trade areas do not apply to ships covered by these Regulations.

Amended by Regulation of 26 February 2016 No. 197 (in force on 1 March 2016).

Section 3 *Trade area. Trade permit*

Ships covered by these Regulations are not permitted to be engaged in trade between Norwegian ports. For the purpose of these Regulations, installations for oil and gas activities on the Norwegian continental shelf are also considered Norwegian ports.

A permit to engage in trade on the Norwegian continental shelf may in exceptional cases be granted to other special types of vessels on special assignments upon application to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries.

The Norwegian Maritime Authority shall control that the conditions are satisfied.

Amended by Regulations of 6 November 2002 No. 1262 (in force on 1 December 2002), 1 January 2014 No. 238, 26 February 2016 No. 197 (in force on 1 March 2016).

Section 4 *Penalty*

Any person who wilfully or through gross negligence violates the provisions of these Regulations shall be liable to fines pursuant to section 11 of the Act of 12 June 1987 No. 48, unless a more severe penalty is applicable pursuant to other statutory provisions.

In the case of violations, the Ministry may decide that the ship shall be deleted from the Register, cf. section 12 second paragraph of the Act relating to a Norwegian International Ship Register.

Amended by Regulation of 26 February 2016 No. 197 (in force on 1 March 2016).

Section 5 *Entry into force*

These Regulations enter into force on 1 July 1987.