

Statutory order to the effect that specific areas in Denmark are available for the successive awarding of new licences for exploration and production of hydrocarbons

(Unofficial translation. In case of discrepancy, the original Danish text shall prevail)

Pursuant to paragraph (c) of section 12 (1) of the Act on the use of the Danish Subsoil, incorporated into Consolidated Act No. 552 of June 29, 1995, the following is laid down:-

1. With reference to Article 3(3) of the European Parliament's and European Council's Directive 94/22/EEC of May 30, 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorizations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons, it is hereby announced that from May 20 until September 30, 1997 all unlicensed areas in Denmark, with the exception of areas on the Danish continental shelf west of 6° 15' East longitude (the Central Graben), are available for the successive awarding of new licences for exploration and production of hydrocarbons.

Thereafter, applications may be submitted to the Danish Energy Agency every year, in the period from January 2 to September 30. Applications will be considered in the order they are received. It should be noted that the procedure outlined above may be discontinued subject to three months' notice following the publication of a notice to this effect in *The Official Journal of the EC* and in a special Executive Order. Further information, including information about the licensing terms and requirements for applications, is available from:

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2. This order comes into force March 8, 1997.

Danish Energy Agency, February 24, 1997

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