

## **Summary of the Offshore Installations and Pipeline Works (Management and Administration) Regulations 1995 (MAR)**

These regulations contain requirements for the management and administration of offshore oil and gas installations for purposes of health and safety. The Regulations apply to activities carried out in connection with an installation such as construction and loading/unloading; to activities carried out in connection with a well, such as well servicing; and to pipeline works (e.g. pipe laying, repairs etc.).

This document is qualitative and contains no formulae or quantitative criteria for design of oil and gas installations.

These regulations cover:

- Installation managers powers
- Cooperation between all stakeholders in relation to health and safety
- Keeping of records of persons onboard
- Permits to work system
- Instructions
- Communication
- Operational information

### ***1.1 Regulation 3: Meaning of Offshore Installation***

An offshore installation means a structure which is, or is to be, or has been used, while standing or stationed in relevant waters, or on the foreshore or other land intermittently covered with water:

- For the exploitation of mineral resources by means of a well;
- For the storage of gas in or under the shore;
- For the conveyance of things by means of a pipe or
- For the provision of accommodation for persons who work on or from one of the previously defined structures.

### ***1.2 Regulation 10: Permit to Work***

The duty holder must establish a written permits to work system for work where the nature and scale of risk requires a stringent system of control. The permits must be issued by a competent person.