

REGULATED AREAS IN GREAT BRITAIN

The restrictions mentioned below will be placed on coastal areas when two sets of Byelaws made by the Secretary of State for War come into force on the 8th April.

England, Wales, East Scotland and part of Clyde Area.

The one set of Byelaws applies to the following areas:-

In England and Wales.

- (i) to a coastal strip extending from Hornsea in Yorkshire to Lands End, including the Isle of Wight and nearly coinciding from the Wash to Lands End with the recently announced Protected Areas to which visits are restricted; and
- (ii) to a coastal strip along the whole of the South Coast of Wales and round the Bristol Channel as far as Portishead.

in Scotland

- (a) to a coastal strip from Caithness to East Lothian including the areas on either side of the Tay and Forth Estuaries and the new Protected Areas on the Firth of Forth; and
- (b) to areas on the Clyde from Helensburgh to Clydebank on the North, and from Inchinnan to Saltcoats on the South.

Full details of these areas and of the Byelaws which apply to them are given in Orders which may be obtained from His Majesty's Stationery Office, (The Regulated Areas (No.2) Order, 1944 - S.R. & O. No.383 and the Regulated Areas - Byelaws (No.2) - S.R.&O. 1944 No.385).

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In these areas which are known as Regulated Areas all persons over 16 years of age must carry their identity cards and produce them on demand to any Constable or to any member of our own or of any Allied Forces on duty. In the Protected Areas between the Wash and Lands End and in the Protected Areas on the Firth of Forth they must also produce their identity cards when registering at a hotel or lodging house and must at the same time complete the whole of Registration Form AR-E. Only persons belonging to certain exempted classes (such as the Royal Observer Corps, Raid Spotters and the crews of ships) may when their duty requires it use binoculars or telescopes within the Regulated Areas without a special permit, and the use of cameras will continue to be governed by the control of Photography Orders. West and North Coasts of Scotland.

The other set of Byelaws imposes new security arrangements in the Regulated areas covering the coastal belt from Helensburgh round the West and North coasts of Scotland to Latheron, Caithness, embracing the counties of Bute and Argyll and the Outer and Inner Hebrides (but excluding the Orkneys and Shetlands).

This set of Byelaws includes the restrictions explained above and in addition imposes the following further restrictions:-

(i) No one except persons in certain exempted classes (such as local authority or public utility employees on duty) may camp out or sleep in any hut or vehicle in these areas without permission from the military authorities; and

(ii) in certain parts of the Areas the military authorities may give written notice to householders and hotels etc, that for certain periods no visitors will be allowed to stay overnight in the private premises or hotels etc. to which a notice has been given without special permission.

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When these new Byelaws come into force on 3th April the military authorities will no longer require persons to obtain permits beforehand to visit the present Protected Areas in the West Highlands or the Hebrides and these Areas will formally cease to be Protected Areas on that date. Visitors are warned that the special restrictions on visitors to hotels et.c., described above may have to be imposed at short notice and they would be well advised not to embark upon any visit without making prior enquiries of the hotel or person they propose to visit.

Full details of these areas and of the Byelaws which apply to them are given in Orders obtainable from His Majesty's Stationery Office (The Regulated Areas (No.1) Order 1944, S.R. & O. No.382 and the Regulated Areas - Byelaws (No.1), S.R. & O. 1944 No. 384.)
Orkneys and Shetlands.

There is no change in the arrangements now applying to the Orkneys and Shetlands which still form a Protected Area, for which a special military permit will continue to be required.

The Byelaws already in force in the Islands will continue to apply.

General

The public are reminded that in all the areas mentioned above the military authorities may from time to time place special restrictions on access to particular places within the areas. Notice of these restrictions may be short and only local publicity will be given.

THE WAR OFFICE