

**Ordinance  
on Spatial Planning in the German Exclusive Economic  
Zone in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea (AWZROV)**

**dated 19 August 2021**

On the basis of Section 17, paragraph 1, sentence 1 of the Spatial Planning Act dated 22 December 2008 (BGBl. I p. 2986) as last amended by Article 159 of the Ordinance of 19 June 2020 (BGBl. I p. 1328), the Federal Ministry of the Interior, in agreement with the Federal Ministry of Finance, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal Ministry of Defence, hereby decrees:

Section 1

**Spatial Planning in the German Exclusive Economic  
Zone in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea**

In the German exclusive economic zone in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea, spatial planning objectives and principles shall be established as a spatial plan in accordance with the Annex to this ordinance.<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

§ 2

**Entry into force, expiry**

This ordinance entered into force on 1 September 2021.

<sup>1</sup> The annex "Spatial Plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea" and the summary statement according to Section 10, paragraph 3 of the Spatial Planning Act (ROG) are issued as an annex volume to this issue of the Federal Law Gazette. Within the subscription, the enclosed volumes will be sent on request in accordance with the publisher's terms and conditions of purchase. Outside of the subscription, delivery is made against reimbursement of costs.

<sup>2</sup> The "Spatial Plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea" and the summary declaration according to Section 10, paragraph 3 of the Spatial Planning Act (ROG) shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency, Bernhard-Nocht-Straße 78, 20359 Hamburg, and Neptunallee 5, 18057 Rostock, from the date of the announcement of this Ordinance. Because of the current pandemic situation, inspection can currently take place only in compliance with the applicable hygiene and distance measures. If you wish to inspect the documents at the above addresses, please call +49 40 3190 2600 (Hamburg) or +49 381 4563 601 (Rostock) or send an email to [bibliothek@bsh.de](mailto:bibliothek@bsh.de) (Hamburg) or [bibliothek.rostock@bsh.de](mailto:bibliothek.rostock@bsh.de) (Rostock) to arrange an appointment.

In addition, the "Spatial Plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea" and the summary declaration according to Section 10, paragraph 3 ROG shall be posted on the Internet from the date of the announcement of this Ordinance. The documents are available on the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Building and the Home Affairs ([www.bmi.bund.de](http://www.bmi.bund.de)) and on the website of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency ([www.bsh.de](http://www.bsh.de)).

The spatial designations (graphic representation) are published by the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency in Map 7007.1 for the North Sea and in Map 7007.2 for the Baltic Sea as well as electronically at <https://www.geoseaportal.de>.

<sup>3</sup> It is noted that

- in accordance with Section 11, paragraph 5 of the Spatial Planning Act (ROG), the violation of procedural and formal requirements, deficiencies in the process of consideration, and the violation of the provisions on environmental assessment in the preparation and drafting of the "Spatial Plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea" shall become irrelevant if they have not been asserted vis-à-vis the Federal Ministry of the Interior within one year of the announcement of this Ordinance, setting out the facts giving rise to the violation,
- the effectiveness of the designations of this spatial plan may be reviewed incidentally in the context of any action against a decision granting planning permission in which the provisions of the spatial plan are to be observed or taken into consideration.

At the same time, the Ordinance on Spatial Planning in the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea of 21 September 2009 (BGBl. I p. 3107), as amended by Article 5 of the Ordinance of 2 June 2016 (BGBl. I p. 1257), and the Ordinance on Spatial Planning in the German Exclusive Economic Zone in the Baltic Sea of 10 December 2009 (BGBl. I p. 3861) shall cease to have effect.

Berlin, 19 August 2021

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Building and Community  
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