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**On behalf of the
Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Building and Community**

**Notification of the entry into force of the maritime spatial plan for
the German EEZ in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea pursuant to
section 10(4) of the Regional Planning Act and section 61 of the
Environmental Impact Assessment Act (UVPG); Article 11 SEA
Protocol**

**Summary statement, including monitoring measures
Evaluation of the comments in the update procedure**

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Hamburg, 19 November 2021

Dear Madam and Sir,

The revised maritime spatial plan for the German Exclusive Economic Zone of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea entered into force on 1 September 2021.

All documents are available on the website https://www.bsh.de/EN/TOP-ICS/Offshore/Maritime_spatial_planning/Maritime_Spatial_Plan_2021/maritime-spatial-plan-2021_node.html.

Background:

In a letter dated 10 March 2020, the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH), on behalf of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Building and Community (BMI), which is responsible for spatial planning in the German exclusive economic zone, notified the neighbouring states of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea about the update of the spatial plans for the German exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

There was an opportunity to comment on the conception of the update of the plans and on the draft framework for the implementation of the Strategic Environmental Assessment in the context of an early participation. An early international consultation meeting was held on 24 April 2020. The assessment framework was adopted on 17 September 2020. Subsequently, the draft of the new spatial plan and the environmental reports were prepared.



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The national participation of the authorities and the public in the draft plan and the environmental reports was initiated on 25 September 2020, the transboundary participation of the authorities and the public according to § 9 paragraph 4 ROG and §§ 60, 61 UVPG as well as Article 7 - 10 SEA Protocol on 04.12.2020. There was the opportunity to comment on the draft plan and the environmental reports until 15 January 2021. An international consultation meeting was held on 27 January 2021.

On 2 June 2021, the national authorities' and public's participation in the 2nd draft plan and the environmental reports was initiated, followed by the transboundary authorities' and public's participation in accordance with Section 9 (4) ROG and Sections 60, 61 UVPG on 4 June 2021. Comments on the significant changes compared to the 1st draft plan could be submitted until 30 June 2021. I would like to thank you for your participation in the early consultation and the participation process for the 1st and 2nd draft plans and the environmental reports.

Within the framework of the cross-border procedure on the 1st and 2nd draft of the spatial development plan and the environmental reports for the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, several comments were received from neighbouring states. The evaluation of the respective substantive aspects of the comments can be found in the tables below.

The following documents are attached in English pursuant to Section 61 UVPG and Article 11 SEA Protocol:

- A tabular overview of the comments on the 1st and 2nd draft plans of the spatial development plan for the German EEZ of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea in English (tables "Evaluation International Consultation First Draft MSP_en.pdf" and "Evaluation International Consultation Second Draft MSP_en.pdf").

The following documents are available in English on the above-mentioned website:

- the plan document that came into force on 1 September as well as the plan maps - a multilingual legend (DE, EN, PL, DK) is attached.
- the environmental reports for the EEZs of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.
- a summary statement (annexed to the plan document) of how the environmental report under Section 40 and the comments and observations under Sections 41, 42, 60(1) and 61(1) have been taken into account, and the reasons for choosing the adopted plan after consideration of the alternatives examined. This also includes a list of the monitoring measures pursuant to Article 45 UVPG.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency

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