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Ammunition Dumping in the Waters Around New Zealand

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- 1. Before the present regulations establishing five ammunition dumping areas in depths over 600 metres were brought into force in 1955, it was the practice to dump ammunition in any suitable area off the New Zealand coast adjacent to the loading point providing the depth was greater than 200 metres.
- 2. Ammunition has been found inside the 200 metre depth contour line, especially in the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana area and in waters around the Hen and Chicken Islands (35° 55′S., 174° 45′E. approx). The area within 5 cables of the shores of the Hen and Chicken Islands is potentially dangerous.
- 3. The areas referred to in paragraph 1 above are defined as being within a radius of 5 nautical miles of the following positions:
 - (a) 34° 40′S., 174° 50′E.
 - (b) 36° 28′S., 176° 20′E.
 - (c) 41° 44′S., 175° 01′E.
 - (d) 43° 15'S., 174° 00'E.
 - (e) 46° 00'S., 171° 13'E.
- 4. A disused explosive dumping ground area exists in Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana between Tiritiri Matangi Island and The Noises in position 36° 38'S., 174° 57'E.
- 5. The areas are shown on the appropriate charts.