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Scope

This article includes:

- Inherent difficulties for MMC
- Efficiency versus regulation
 - Inspection issue as completed offshore
 - MultiProof but still need building consent
- Court says similar processes must be followed
- Offshore inspections should be considered
- Legislative reform under way
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