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**The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive)
(Safety Case etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Description of verification scheme and well examination scheme

13.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, a description of the verification scheme complies with this paragraph if it includes—

- (a) a description of the criteria for selection of the verifier to carry out functions under the scheme;
- (b) a description of the means of verifying that the safety and environmental-critical elements and any specified plant remain in good repair and condition; and
- (c) details of the arrangements to carry out the functions under the scheme including—
 - (i) the examination and testing of the safety and environmental-critical elements by the verifier;
 - (ii) the verification of the design, standard, certification or other system of conformity of the safety and environmental-critical elements;
 - (iii) the examination of work in progress;
 - (iv) the taking of remedial action by the duty holder;
 - (v) the reporting of any instances of non-compliance of the duty holder with the standards of the scheme; and
 - (vi) the review of the scheme throughout the lifecycle of the installation.

(2) For the purpose of regulation 8(6)(b), a description of the well examination scheme complies with this paragraph if it includes—

- (a) a description of the criteria for selection of the well examiner to carry out functions under the scheme;
- (b) a description of the means of verifying that the well is designed and constructed, and is maintained in such repair and condition, that—
 - (i) so far as is reasonably practicable, there can be no unplanned escape of fluids from the well; and
 - (ii) risks to the health and safety of persons from it or anything in it, or in strata to which it is connected, are as low as is reasonably practicable; and
- (c) details of the arrangements to carry out the functions under the scheme including—
 - (i) the examination of the well, or a similar well, by the well examiner;
 - (ii) the examination of information required under regulation 11(2)(a)(ii);
 - (iii) the examination of work in progress;
 - (iv) the taking of remedial action by the well operator;
 - (v) the reporting of any instances of non-compliance of the well operator with the standards of the scheme; and

(vi) the review of the scheme.