

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

Section 1.

#### DETERMINATION OF OIL FIELDS

- 1 (1) For the purposes of this Part of this Act an oil field is any area which the appropriate authority may determine to be an oil field, being an area of which every part is, or is part of, a licensed area.
- (2) For the purposes of this Schedule the appropriate authority, in relation to any area—
- (a) is the Secretary of State if the area is such that licences can be granted for all of it under the Petroleum (Production) Act 1934;
  - (b) is the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland if the area is such that licences can be granted for all of it under the Petroleum (Production) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964; and
  - (c) is the Secretary of State and that Department acting jointly if the area is such that licences can be granted for part of it under one and for part of it under the other of those Acts;
- and any reference in this Schedule to the making of representations to the appropriate authority is, in a case falling within (c) above, a reference to the making of them to either the Secretary of State or the said Department.
- 2 Before determining an area to be an oil field the appropriate authority—
- (a) shall give notice in writing of the proposed determination to every person who is a licensee in respect of a licensed area wholly or partly included in that area and to any other licensee whose interests appear to the authority to be affected; and
  - (b) shall consider any representations in writing which a person to whom a notice under this paragraph has been given may make to the authority within sixty days of receiving the notice,
- and the determination may be made either as proposed or with such modifications as appear to the authority to be appropriate after considering any representations made to the authority in accordance with this paragraph.
- 3 A determination under this Schedule shall be in such form as the appropriate authority thinks fit and shall for purposes of identification assign to the field to which it relates a distinguishing number or other designation.
- 4 The appropriate authority shall give notice of any determination made by the authority under this Schedule to each, of the persons to whom notice of the proposed determination was given.
- 5 A determination under this Schedule may from time to time be varied by a new determination thereunder made by the appropriate authority, and paragraphs 2 to 4 above shall apply to any such new determination.