



Petroleum Act 1987

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PART I

ABANDONMENT OF OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

3 Section 1 notices: supplementary provisions

- (1) The Secretary of State shall not before 1st July 1988 give a notice under section 1(1) to a person within paragraph (d) or (e) of section 2(1) or paragraph (b) or (c) of section 2(2).
- (2) Subject to subsection (4), the Secretary of State shall not give a notice under section 1(1) in relation to an offshore installation to a person within paragraph (d) or (e) of section 2(1) if the Secretary of State has been and continues to be satisfied that adequate arrangements (including financial arrangements) have been made by a person or persons within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) to ensure that a satisfactory abandonment programme will be carried out.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), the Secretary of State shall not give a notice under section 1(1) in relation to a submarine pipe-line to a person within paragraph (b) or (c) of section 2(2) if the Secretary of State has been and continues to be satisfied that adequate arrangements (including financial arrangements) have been made by a person or persons within paragraph (a) to ensure that a satisfactory abandonment programme will be carried out.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) shall not apply if there has been a failure to comply with a notice under section 1(1) or if the Secretary of State has rejected a programme submitted in compliance with such a notice.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall not give a notice to a person under section 1(1) without first giving him an opportunity to make written representations as to whether the notice should be given.
- (6) Where the Secretary of State has given a notice under section 1(1) in relation to an installation or pipe-line, he may at any time before the programme required by it is submitted withdraw the notice or give (subject to the preceding provisions of this

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section) a further notice under section 1(1) (whether in substitution for or in addition to any notice already given); and if he does so he shall inform the recipients of any other notices which have been given in relation to that installation or pipe-line and not withdrawn.

- (7) Neither the withdrawal of a notice given under section 1(1) nor the giving of a further notice shall relieve the recipient of any other notice of his duty to submit a programme (jointly, in a case where more than one notice is given and not withdrawn, with the recipients of the other notices).