Changes to legislation: Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)



Petroleum Act 1998

CHAPTER 17

PETROLEUM ACT 1998

PART I

PETROLEUM

- 1 Meaning of "petroleum".
- 2 Rights to petroleum vested in Her Majesty.
- 3 Licences to search and bore for and get petroleum.
- 4 Licences: further provisions.
- 5 Existing licences.
- 5A Rights transferred without the consent of Secretary of State
- 5B Information
- 5C Offences under section 5B: supplemental
 - 6 Repayments for development.
 - 7 Ancillary rights.
 - 8 Power to inspect plans of mines.
 - 9 Supplementary.

PART II

OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

- 10 Application of criminal law etc.
- 11 Application of civil law.
- 12 Prosecutions.
- 13 Interpretation of Part II.

Changes to legislation: Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

PART III

SUBMARINE PIPELINES

- 14 Construction and use of pipelines.
- 15 Authorisations.
- 16 Compulsory modifications of pipelines.
- 17 Acquisition of rights to use pipelines.
- 17A Application of section 17B to certain downstream gas pipelines.
- Additional provisions relating to certain downstream gas pipelines. 17B
- Application of section 17D to certain offshore gas storage facilities. 17C
- 17D Provisions relating to certain offshore gas storage facilities.
- 17E Section 17D: supplemental.
- 17F Acquisition of rights to use controlled petroleum pipelines.
- 17G Section 17F: supplemental.
- 17GA Controlled petroleum pipeline subject to Norwegian access system
- 17GB Section 17GA: supplemental
 - Enforcement of certain duties in sections 17B, 17D and 17E. 17H
 - 18 Termination of authorisations.
 - 19 Vesting of pipelines on termination or subsequent issue of authorisations.
 - 20 Inspectors etc.
 - 21 Enforcement.
 - 22 Criminal proceedings.
 - 23 Civil liability for breach of statutory duty.
 - 24 Application of Part III.
 - 25 Orders and regulations.
 - Meaning of "pipeline". Meaning of "owner". 26
 - 27
 - 28 Interpretation of Part III.

PART IV

ABANDONMENT OF OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

- 29 Preparation of programmes.
- 30 Persons who may be required to submit programmes.
- 31 Section 29 notices: supplementary provisions.
- 32 Approval of programmes.
- 33 Failure to submit programmes.
- 34 Revision of programmes.
- 35 Withdrawal of approval.
- 36 Duty to carry out programmes.
- 37 Default in carrying out programmes.
- 38 Financial resources.
- 38A Protection of funds set aside for the purposes of abandonment
- 38B Directions to provide information about protected assets
 - 39 Regulations.
 - 40 Offences: penalties.
 - 41 Offences: general.
- 42 Validity of Secretary of State's acts.
- 43 Notices.
- Meaning of "offshore installation".

Document Generated: 2024-06-19

Status: Point in time view as at 12/11/2009.

Changes to legislation: Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

- 45 Interpretation of Part IV.
- 45A Abandoned wells

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

- 46 Northern Ireland and Isle of Man shares of petroleum revenue.
- 47 Loans for development.
- 47A Factors for the Secretary of State to take into account
 - 48 Interpretation.
 - 49 Transitional provisions and savings.
 - 50 Consequential amendments.
 - 51 Repeals and revocations.
 - 52 Commencement.
 - 53 Short title and extent.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Model clauses incorporated in licences when granted

- The model clauses (other than the model clause entitled "Right...
- 2 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 5 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 6 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 7 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out... 8
- The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out... 9 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 10 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out... 11
- 12 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 13 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 14 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 15 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 16 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 17 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 18 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 19 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 20 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 21 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 22 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 23 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 24 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out... 25 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...
- 26
- The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out... 27 The model clauses (other than model clause 2) set out...

SCHEDULE 2 — Authorisations under section 14

Part I — WORKS AUTHORISATIONS

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision...
- The Secretary of State shall, on receiving an application for...
- Where the Secretary of State serves on an applicant notice...

Changes to legislation: Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where the Secretary of State decides...
- 5 (1) Where under paragraph 4 the Secretary of State serves...
- 6 The purposes referred to in paragraph 4(1) are—
- Where the Secretary of State—(a) is satisfied that an...
- 8 (1) Where the Secretary of State decides not to issue...
- 9 (1) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) apply where the Secretary of...
 - Part II OTHER AUTHORISATIONS

10 Where the Secretary of State issues an authorisation other than...

SCHEDULE 3 — Transitional provisions and savings

- Part I GENERAL
- 1 (1) The repeal (or revocation) and re-enactment of provisions in...
- 2 The repeal by this Act of an enactment previously repealed...

Part II — SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Property in petroleum

3 The repeal by this Act of section 1(1) of the...

Existing licences

- 4 Nothing in section 2 or 3 shall be taken to...
- 5 (1) Nothing in this Act affects the validity of the...
- 6 (1) Where, immediately before the commencement of this Act—
- 7 Without prejudice to paragraph 1, any reference in any enactment...
- 8 (1) In relation to any time after the commencement of...

Submarine pipelines: safety regulations etc.

- 9 Any reference in— (a) section 20 to Part III of...
- 10 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 2, the repeal...
- 11 (1) The substitution by this Act of paragraph (b) of...

Submarine pipelines: authorisations granted before 1st October 1982

Where, immediately before the commencement of this Act, an authorisation...

Fatal Accidents Act 1976: deaths before 1st September 1976

13 The reference in section 23(2)(a) to the Fatal Accidents Act...

SCHEDULE 4 — Consequential amendments

The Mining Industry Act 1926 (c. 28)

1 At the end of section 23 of the Mining Industry...

The Continental Shelf Act 1964 (c. 29)

2 (1) The Continental Shelf Act 1964 shall be amended as...

The Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act 1968 (c. 75)

3 In section 2 of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act 1968...

Changes to legislation: Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 (c. 60)

4 For section 23 of the Prevention of Oil Pollution Act...

The Finance Act 1973 (c. 51)

5 In Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 1973 (territorial extension...

The Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 8)

6 In section 20 of the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Act...

The Oil Taxation Act 1975 (c. 22)

7 (1) The Oil Taxation Act 1975 shall be amended as...

The Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (c. 65)

8 In section 10 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (employment...

The Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 14)

9 In section 9 of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths...

The Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1976 (c. 25)

10 In section 49(3) of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act...

The Race Relations Act 1976 (c. 74)

11 In the Race Relations Act 1976, in sections 8(5) (employment...

The Energy Act 1976 (c. 76)

12 In section 9 of the Energy Act 1976 (liquefaction of...

The Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/1042 (N.I. 15))

13 In Article 13(5) of the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order...

The Patents Act 1977 (c. 37)

14 In section 132 of the Patents Act 1977 (application of...

The Gas Levy Act 1981 (c. 3)

15 In section 1 of the Gas Levy Act 1981 (gas...

The Finance Act 1981 (c. 35)

16 In section 118 of the Finance Act 1981 (licence payments...

The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c. 29)

17 In the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, in—

The Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Act 1983 (c. 59)

18 In section 1 of the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Act 1983...

Changes to legislation: Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

The Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

19 In section 107 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (application to...

The Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (c. 48)

20 After section 7 of the Food and Environment Protection Act...

The Oil and Pipelines Act 1985 (c. 62)

21 In section 6 of the Oil and Pipelines Act 1985...

The Gas Act 1986 (c. 44)

22 In section 62 of the Gas Act 1986 (exclusion of...

The Petroleum Act 1987 (c. 12)

23 In section 24 of the Petroleum Act 1987 (safety zones:...

The Territorial Sea Act 1987 (c. 49)

24 In section 2 of the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (enactments...

The Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (c. 1)

25 In section 502 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act...

The Petroleum Royalties (Relief) and Continental Shelf Act 1989 (c. 1)

26 In section 1 of the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) and Continental...

The Capital Allowances Act 1990 (c. 1)

The Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 16)

28 In section 58 of the Food Safety Act 1990 (territorial...

The Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)

29 In section 14 of the Aviation and Maritime Security Act...

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (c. 4)

30 In section 120 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits...

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7)

In section 166 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits...

The Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 (c. 12)

32 (1) The Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 shall be...

The Offshore Safety Act 1992 (c. 15)

33 (1) The Offshore Safety Act 1992 shall be amended as...

Document Generated: 2024-06-19

Status: Point in time view as at 12/11/2009.

Changes to legislation: Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c. 52)

34 (1) Section 287 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations...

The Offshore, and Pipelines, Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/1728 (N.I. 17))

35 In Article 3 of the Offshore, and Pipelines, Safety (Northern...

The Finance Act 1993 (c. 34)

36 In section 94A of the Finance Act 1993 (parts of...

The Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48)

37 In section 165 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (application...

The Coal Industry Act 1994 (c. 21)

38 (1) The Coal Industry Act 1994 shall be amended as...

The Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c. 21)

39 In section 293 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (functions...

The Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18)

40 (1) Section 201 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 shall...

The Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/869 (N.I. 6))

41 In Article 69(2) of the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order...

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals and revocations

Part I — REPEALS

Part II — REVOCATIONS

Table of Derivations

Status:

Point in time view as at 12/11/2009.

Changes to legislation:

Petroleum Act 1998 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.