

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 21

Section 300

PETROLEUM LICENCES: AMENDMENTS TO MODEL CLAUSES

PART 1

PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) (LANDWARD AREAS) REGULATIONS 1995

- 1 In the Petroleum (Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 1995 ([S.I. 1995/1436](#)), Schedule 3 (model clauses for petroleum exploration and development licences in landward areas) is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 21 para. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I2 Sch. 21 para. 1 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 2 After clause 37 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

“~~37A~~(1) This clause applies if—

- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
- (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,

and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.

- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
- (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
- (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
- (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 37(4).”

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. 21 para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I4 Sch. 21 para. 2 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

3 (1) Clause 38 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 37A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Petroleum Act 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. 21 para. 3 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

I6 Sch. 21 para. 3 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

4 (1) Clause 38A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 37A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 37A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I7 Sch. 21 para. 4 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 334(1)

I8 Sch. 21 para. 4 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

PART 2

PETROLEUM (CURRENT MODEL CLAUSES) ORDER 1999

Introduction

5 The Petroleum (Current Model Clauses) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/160) is amended in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

Commencement Information

I9 Sch. 21 para. 5 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 334(1)

I10 Sch. 21 para. 5 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

Part 2 of Schedule 2

6 Part 2 of Schedule 2 (current model clauses for controlled waters or seaward production licences deriving from Schedule 2 to the 1964 Regulations and Schedule 4 to the 1966 Regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 7 to 9.

Commencement Information

I11 Sch. 21 para. 6 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 334(1)

I12 Sch. 21 para. 6 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

7 After clause 38 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “38A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
 - (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
 - (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
 - (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
 - (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.

(11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 38(4).”

Commencement Information

I13 Sch. 21 para. 7 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I14 Sch. 21 para. 7 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

8 (1) Clause 39 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 38A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I15 Sch. 21 para. 8 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I16 Sch. 21 para. 8 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

9 (1) Clause 39A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

(a) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;

(b) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 38A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;

(c) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 38A); or

(d) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I17** Sch. 21 para. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I18 Sch. 21 para. 9 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Commencement Information

- I11** Sch. 21 para. 6 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I12 Sch. 21 para. 6 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I13 Sch. 21 para. 7 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I14 Sch. 21 para. 7 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I15 Sch. 21 para. 8 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I16 Sch. 21 para. 8 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I17 Sch. 21 para. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I18 Sch. 21 para. 9 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Part 2 of Schedule 3

- 10 Part 2 of Schedule 3 (current model clauses for landward production licences deriving from Schedule 3 to the 1966 regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 13.

Commencement Information

- I19** Sch. 21 para. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I20 Sch. 21 para. 10 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

- 11 After clause 36 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “36A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
- (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 36(3).”

Commencement Information

I21 Sch. 21 para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I22 Sch. 21 para. 11 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

12 (1) Clause 37 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 36A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I23 Sch. 21 para. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I24 Sch. 21 para. 12 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

13 (1) Clause 37A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 36A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 36A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I25 Sch. 21 para. 13 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I26 Sch. 21 para. 13 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I19 Sch. 21 para. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I20 Sch. 21 para. 10 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I21 Sch. 21 para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I22 Sch. 21 para. 11 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I23 Sch. 21 para. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I24 Sch. 21 para. 12 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I25 Sch. 21 para. 13 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I26 Sch. 21 para. 13 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Part 2 of Schedule 4

14 Part 2 of Schedule 4 (current model clauses for landward production licences deriving from Schedule 4 to the 1976 Regulations or Schedule 4 to the 1982 Regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 15 to 17.

Commencement Information

I27 Sch. 21 para. 14 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

I28 Sch. 21 para. 14 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

15 After clause 37 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “37A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
 - (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
 - (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
 - (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
 - (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.

(11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 37(3).”

Commencement Information

I29 Sch. 21 para. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I30 Sch. 21 para. 15 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

16 (1) Clause 38 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 37A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I31 Sch. 21 para. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I32 Sch. 21 para. 16 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

17 (1) Clause 38A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

(a) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;

(b) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 37A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;

(c) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 37A); or

(d) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I33** Sch. 21 para. 17 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I34 Sch. 21 para. 17 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Commencement Information

- I27** Sch. 21 para. 14 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I28 Sch. 21 para. 14 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I29 Sch. 21 para. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I30 Sch. 21 para. 15 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I31 Sch. 21 para. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I32 Sch. 21 para. 16 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I33 Sch. 21 para. 17 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I34 Sch. 21 para. 17 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Part 2 of Schedule 5

- 18 Part 2 of Schedule 5 (current model clauses for seaward production licences deriving from Schedule 5 to the 1976 Regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 19 to 21.

Commencement Information

- I35** Sch. 21 para. 18 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I36 Sch. 21 para. 18 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

- 19 After clause 39 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “39A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
- (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 39(4).”

Commencement Information

I37 Sch. 21 para. 19 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I38 Sch. 21 para. 19 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

20 (1) Clause 40 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 39A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I39 Sch. 21 para. 20 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I40 Sch. 21 para. 20 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

21 (1) Clause 40A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 40(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 40(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 39A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 40(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 39A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 40(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I41 Sch. 21 para. 21 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I42 Sch. 21 para. 21 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I35 Sch. 21 para. 18 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I36 Sch. 21 para. 18 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I37 Sch. 21 para. 19 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I38 Sch. 21 para. 19 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I39 Sch. 21 para. 20 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I40 Sch. 21 para. 20 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I41 Sch. 21 para. 21 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I42 Sch. 21 para. 21 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Part 2 of Schedule 6

22 Part 2 of Schedule 6 (current model clauses for seaward production licences deriving from Schedule 5 to the 1982 Regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 23 to 25.

Commencement Information

I43 Sch. 21 para. 22 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

I44 Sch. 21 para. 22 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

23 After clause 38 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “38A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
 - (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
 - (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
 - (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
 - (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.

(11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 38(4).”

Commencement Information

I45 Sch. 21 para. 23 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I46 Sch. 21 para. 23 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

24 (1) Clause 39 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 38A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I47 Sch. 21 para. 24 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I48 Sch. 21 para. 24 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

25 (1) Clause 39A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

(a) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;

(b) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 38A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;

(c) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 38A); or

(d) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I49** Sch. 21 para. 25 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I50 Sch. 21 para. 25 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Commencement Information

- I43** Sch. 21 para. 22 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I44 Sch. 21 para. 22 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I45 Sch. 21 para. 23 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I46 Sch. 21 para. 23 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I47 Sch. 21 para. 24 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I48 Sch. 21 para. 24 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I49 Sch. 21 para. 25 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I50 Sch. 21 para. 25 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Part 2 of Schedule 8

- 26 Part 2 of Schedule 8 (current model clauses for landward development licences deriving from Schedule 5 to the 1984 Regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 27 to 29.

Commencement Information

- I51** Sch. 21 para. 26 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I52 Sch. 21 para. 26 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

- 27 After clause 35 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “35A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
- (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 35(3).”

Commencement Information

I53 Sch. 21 para. 27 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I54 Sch. 21 para. 27 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

28 (1) Clause 36 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 35A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I55 Sch. 21 para. 28 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I56 Sch. 21 para. 28 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

29 (1) Clause 36A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 35A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 35A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I57 Sch. 21 para. 29 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I58 Sch. 21 para. 29 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I51 Sch. 21 para. 26 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I52 Sch. 21 para. 26 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I53 Sch. 21 para. 27 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I54 Sch. 21 para. 27 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I55 Sch. 21 para. 28 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I56 Sch. 21 para. 28 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I57 Sch. 21 para. 29 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I58 Sch. 21 para. 29 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Part 2 of Schedule 9

30 Part 2 of Schedule 9 (current model clauses for seaward production licences deriving from Schedule 4 to the 1988 Regulations as they had effect before 16 December 1996) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 31 to 33.

Commencement Information

I59 Sch. 21 para. 30 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

I60 Sch. 21 para. 30 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

31 After clause 41 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “41A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
 - (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
 - (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
 - (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
 - (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.

(11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 41(4).”

Commencement Information

I61 Sch. 21 para. 31 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I62 Sch. 21 para. 31 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

32 (1) Clause 42 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 41A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I63 Sch. 21 para. 32 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I64 Sch. 21 para. 32 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

33 (1) Clause 42A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

(a) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;

(b) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 41A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;

(c) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 41A); or

(d) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I65** Sch. 21 para. 33 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I66 [Sch. 21 para. 33](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I59** Sch. 21 para. 30 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I60 [Sch. 21 para. 30](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
I61 Sch. 21 para. 31 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I62 [Sch. 21 para. 31](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
I63 Sch. 21 para. 32 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I64 [Sch. 21 para. 32](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
I65 Sch. 21 para. 33 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I66 [Sch. 21 para. 33](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Part 2 of Schedule 10

- 34 Part 2 of Schedule 10 (current model clauses for seaward production licences deriving from Schedule 4 to the 1988 Regulations as they had effect on and after 16 December 1996) is amended in accordance with paragraphs [35](#) to [37](#).

Commencement Information

- I67** Sch. 21 para. 34 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I68 [Sch. 21 para. 34](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 35 After clause 41 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “41A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
- (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 41(4).”

Commencement Information

I69 Sch. 21 para. 35 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I70 Sch. 21 para. 35 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

36 (1) Clause 42 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 41A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I71 Sch. 21 para. 36 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I72 Sch. 21 para. 36 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

37 (1) Clause 42A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 41A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 41A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 42(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I73 Sch. 21 para. 37 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I74 Sch. 21 para. 37 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I67 Sch. 21 para. 34 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I68 Sch. 21 para. 34 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I69 Sch. 21 para. 35 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I70 Sch. 21 para. 35 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I71 Sch. 21 para. 36 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I72 Sch. 21 para. 36 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I73 Sch. 21 para. 37 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I74 Sch. 21 para. 37 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Part 2 of Schedule 13

38 Part 2 of Schedule 13 (current model clauses for landward appraisal licences deriving from Schedule 5 to the 1991 Regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 39 to 41.

Commencement Information

I75 Sch. 21 para. 38 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

I76 Sch. 21 para. 38 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

39 After clause 32 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “32A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
 - (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
 - (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
 - (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
 - (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.

(11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 32(3).”

Commencement Information

I77 Sch. 21 para. 39 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I78 Sch. 21 para. 39 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

40 (1) Clause 33 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (h) insert—

- “(i) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 32A);
- (j) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Petroleum Act 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(f)” insert “or (i) or (j)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I79 Sch. 21 para. 40 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I80 Sch. 21 para. 40 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

41 (1) Clause 33A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 33(2)(c), (d), (e) or (f) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 33(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 32A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 33(2)(i) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 32A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 33(2)(j) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I81** Sch. 21 para. 41 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I82 Sch. 21 para. 41 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Commencement Information

- I75** Sch. 21 para. 38 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I76 Sch. 21 para. 38 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I77 Sch. 21 para. 39 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I78 Sch. 21 para. 39 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I79 Sch. 21 para. 40 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I80 Sch. 21 para. 40 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
I81 Sch. 21 para. 41 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I82 Sch. 21 para. 41 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Part 2 of Schedule 14

- 42 Part 2 of Schedule 14 (current model clauses for landward development licences deriving from Schedule 6 to the 1991 Regulations) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 45.

Commencement Information

- I83** Sch. 21 para. 42 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
I84 Sch. 21 para. 42 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

- 43 After clause 34 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “34A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
- (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 34(3).”

Commencement Information

I85 Sch. 21 para. 43 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I86 Sch. 21 para. 43 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

44 (1) Clause 35 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 34A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act of 1998;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I87 Sch. 21 para. 44 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**

I88 Sch. 21 para. 44 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

45 (1) Clause 35A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 35(2)(c), (d), (e) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 35(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 34A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 35(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 34A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 35(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I89 Sch. 21 para. 45 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**

I90 Sch. 21 para. 45 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Commencement Information

I83 Sch. 21 para. 42 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**

I84 Sch. 21 para. 42 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

I85 Sch. 21 para. 43 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**

I86 Sch. 21 para. 43 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

I87 Sch. 21 para. 44 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**

I88 Sch. 21 para. 44 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

I89 Sch. 21 para. 45 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**

I90 Sch. 21 para. 45 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

PART 3

PETROLEUM LICENSING (EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION) (SEAWARD AND LANDWARD AREAS) REGULATIONS 2004

Introduction

- 46 The Petroleum Licensing (Exploration and Production) (Seaward and Landward Areas) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/352) are amended in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

Commencement Information

- I91** Sch. 21 para. 46 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I92 Sch. 21 para. 46 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Schedule 2

- 47 Schedule 2 (model clauses for production licences relating to frontier areas — no break clause) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 48 to 50.

Commencement Information

- I93** Sch. 21 para. 47 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I94 Sch. 21 para. 47 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 48 After clause 37 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “37A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
- (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 37(4).”

Commencement Information

I95 Sch. 21 para. 48 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I96 Sch. 21 para. 48 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 49 (1) Clause 38 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (2)—
- (a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—
 - “(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 37A);
 - (k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act;”;
 - (b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.
- (3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

I97 Sch. 21 para. 49 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I98 Sch. 21 para. 49 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

50 (1) Clause 38A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(c), (d), (e), (ee) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 37A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 37A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 38(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I99 Sch. 21 para. 50 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I100 Sch. 21 para. 50 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I93 Sch. 21 para. 47 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I94 Sch. 21 para. 47 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I95 Sch. 21 para. 48 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I96 Sch. 21 para. 48 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I97 Sch. 21 para. 49 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I98 Sch. 21 para. 49 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I99 Sch. 21 para. 50 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I100 Sch. 21 para. 50 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Schedule 3

51 Schedule 3 (model clauses for production licences relating to frontier areas — including break clause) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 52 to 54.

Commencement Information

I101 Sch. 21 para. 51 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I102 Sch. 21 para. 51 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

52 After clause 38 insert—

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Change in control of Licensee

- “38A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
 - (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
 - (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
 - (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
 - (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

(11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 38(4).”

Commencement Information

I103 Sch. 21 para. 52 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I104 Sch. 21 para. 52 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

53 (1) Clause 39 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 38A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I105 Sch. 21 para. 53 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I106 Sch. 21 para. 53 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

54 (1) Clause 39A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

(a) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(c), (d), (e), (ee) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;

(b) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 38A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;

(c) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 38A); or

(d) an event mentioned in clause 39(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I107 Sch. 21 para. 54 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I108 Sch. 21 para. 54 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I101** Sch. 21 para. 51 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
- I102** [Sch. 21 para. 51](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
- I103** Sch. 21 para. 52 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
- I104** [Sch. 21 para. 52](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
- I105** Sch. 21 para. 53 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
- I106** [Sch. 21 para. 53](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)
- I107** Sch. 21 para. 54 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
- I108** [Sch. 21 para. 54](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Schedule 4

- 55 Schedule 4 (model clauses for standard production licences) is amended in accordance with paragraphs [56](#) to [58](#).

Commencement Information

- I109** Sch. 21 para. 55 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
- I110** [Sch. 21 para. 55](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 56 After clause 36 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “36A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 36(4).”

Commencement Information

I111 Sch. 21 para. 56 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I112 Sch. 21 para. 56 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

57 (1) Clause 37 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

- “(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 36A);
- (k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I113 Sch. 21 para. 57 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I114 Sch. 21 para. 57 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

58 (1) Clause 37A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(c), (d), (e), (ee) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 36A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 36A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 37(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I115 Sch. 21 para. 58 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I116 Sch. 21 para. 58 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I109 Sch. 21 para. 55 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I110 Sch. 21 para. 55 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I111 Sch. 21 para. 56 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I112 Sch. 21 para. 56 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I113 Sch. 21 para. 57 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I114 Sch. 21 para. 57 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

I115 Sch. 21 para. 58 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I116 Sch. 21 para. 58 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Schedule 6

59 Schedule 6 (model clauses for petroleum exploration and development licences) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 60 to 62.

Commencement Information

I117 Sch. 21 para. 59 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I118 Sch. 21 para. 59 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

60 After clause 35 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

“35A (1) This clause applies if—

- (a) the Licensee is a company, or

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”).
- (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
- (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
- (5) The OGA may—
- (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
- (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, the question of whether a person has control of a company is to be determined in accordance with the test set out in clause 35(4).”

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

I119 Sch. 21 para. 60 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I120 Sch. 21 para. 60 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

61 (1) Clause 36 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

“(j) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the Oil and Gas Authority gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 35A);

(k) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the Oil and Gas Authority to that company under section 5D of the Act;”;

(b) in the closing words, after “(g)” insert “or (j) or (k)”.

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I121 Sch. 21 para. 61 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I122 Sch. 21 para. 61 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

62 (1) Clause 36A (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

(a) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(c), (d), (e), (ee) or (g) occurs in relation to one of those persons;

(b) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 35A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;

(c) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(j) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 35A); or

(d) an event mentioned in clause 36(2)(k) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I123 Sch. 21 para. 62 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I124 Sch. 21 para. 62 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Commencement Information

I117 Sch. 21 para. 59 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- I118** Sch. 21 para. 59 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
- I119** Sch. 21 para. 60 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
- I120** Sch. 21 para. 60 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
- I121** Sch. 21 para. 61 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
- I122** Sch. 21 para. 61 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**
- I123** Sch. 21 para. 62 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
- I124** Sch. 21 para. 62 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

PART 4

PETROLEUM LICENSING (PRODUCTION) (SEAWARD AREAS) REGULATIONS 2008

- 63 In the Petroleum Licensing (Production) (Seaward Areas) Regulations 2008 ([S.I. 2008/225](#)), the Schedule (model clauses for seaward area production licences) is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

- I125** Sch. 21 para. 63 not in force at Royal Assent, see **s. 334(1)**
- I126** Sch. 21 para. 63 in force at 11.1.2024 by S.I. 2024/32, **reg. 2(d)(iii)**

- 64 After clause 40 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

- “40A (1) This clause applies if—
- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
 - (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,
- and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.
- (2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the OGA.
 - (3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.
 - (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
 - (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
 - (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
- (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
- (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, “control” of a company is to be construed in accordance with sections 450(2) to (4) and 451(1) to (5) of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, modified as specified in clause 40(4).”

Commencement Information

I127 Sch. 21 para. 64 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I128 Sch. 21 para. 64 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 65 (1) Clause 41 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (2)—
- (a) after sub-paragraph (j) insert—
 - “(k) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the OGA gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 40A),
 - (l) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the OGA to that company under section 5D of the Act,”;
 - (b) in the closing words, after “(h)” insert “or (k) or (l)”.
- (3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I129 Sch. 21 para. 65 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I130 Sch. 21 para. 65 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 66 (1) Clause 42 (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(c), (d), (e), (f) or (h) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 40A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(k) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 40A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(l) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I131 Sch. 21 para. 66 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I132 Sch. 21 para. 66 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

PART 5

PETROLEUM LICENSING (EXPLORATION AND
PRODUCTION) (LANDWARD AREAS) REGULATIONS 2014

67 In the Petroleum Licensing (Exploration and Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 2014 ([S.I. 2014/1686](#)), Schedule 2 (model clauses for petroleum exploration and development licences) is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I133 Sch. 21 para. 67 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I134 Sch. 21 para. 67 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

68 After clause 40 insert—

Change in control of Licensee

“40A (1) This clause applies if—

- (a) the Licensee is a company, or
- (b) where two or more persons are the Licensee, any of those persons is a company,

and references in this clause to a company are to such a company.

(2) A change in control of a company is not permitted without the consent of the OGA.

(3) There is a “change in control” of a company if a person takes control of the company, not having previously been a person who controlled the company.

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- (4) If a change in control of a company is contemplated, the company must apply in writing to the OGA for consent at least three months before the date on which it is proposed that the change would occur (if consent were given).
- (5) The OGA may—
 - (a) consent to the change in control unconditionally,
 - (b) consent to the change in control subject to conditions, or
 - (c) refuse consent to the change in control.
- (6) If the OGA proposes to grant consent subject to any condition or to refuse consent, the OGA must, before making a final decision—
 - (a) give the company an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations that are made.
- (7) The general rule is that the OGA must decide an application within three months of receiving it, but the OGA may delay its decision by notifying the interested parties in writing.
- (8) Conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b) may be imposed on the person taking control of the company (as well as on the company), and may include—
 - (a) conditions relating to the arrangements for the change in control, including the date by which it must occur,
 - (b) conditions relating to the performance of activities permitted by this licence, and
 - (c) financial conditions.
- (9) The OGA’s decision on the application, and any conditions as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), must be notified in writing to the interested parties.
- (10) In this clause “the interested parties” means—
 - (a) the company,
 - (b) the person who (if consent were granted) would take control of the company, and
 - (c) if the company and another person or persons are the Licensee, that other person or those other persons.
- (11) For the purposes of this clause, “control” of a company is to be construed in accordance with sections 450(2) to (4) and 451(1) to (5) of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, modified as specified in clause 40(4).”

Commencement Information

I135 Sch. 21 para. 68 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I136 Sch. 21 para. 68 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

- 69 (1) Clause 41 (power of revocation) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (2)—
- (a) after sub-paragraph (j) insert—

Status: Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21. (See end of Document for details)

- “(k) if the Licensee is a company, any breach of a condition subject to which the OGA gave its consent to a change in control of the Licensee (see clause 40A),
 - (l) if the Licensee is a company, any failure to provide full and accurate information in response to a notice given by the OGA to that company under section 5D of the Act,”;
- (b) in the closing words, after “(h)” insert “or (k) or (l)”.
- (3) Omit paragraphs (3) to (5).

Commencement Information

I137 Sch. 21 para. 69 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I138 Sch. 21 para. 69 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

70 (1) Clause 42 (power of partial revocation) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This clause applies in a case where two or more persons are the Licensee and—

- (a) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(c), (d), (e), (f) or (h) occurs in relation to one of those persons;
- (b) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(b) occurs which consists of a breach of clause 40A(2) or (4) in relation to a change in control of one of those persons;
- (c) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(k) occurs in relation to a change in control of one of those persons (see clause 40A); or
- (d) an event mentioned in clause 41(2)(l) occurs which consists of a failure by one of those persons as mentioned in that provision.”

(3) In paragraph (2), for “or (b)” substitute “, (b), (c) or (d)”.

Commencement Information

I139 Sch. 21 para. 70 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)

I140 Sch. 21 para. 70 in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 31/01/2024.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Energy Act 2023, Schedule 21.