
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1991 No. 680

PIPE-LINES

The Submarine Pipe-lines (Inspectors and Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1991

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>13th March 1991</i>
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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 26(1) and 27(2) of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975(1) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consulting pursuant to section 32(1) of the Act such organisations in the United Kingdom as he considers are representative of persons who will be affected, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Submarine Pipe-lines (Inspectors and Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 and shall come into force on 1st April 1991.

2.—(1) The Submarine Pipe-lines (Inspectors etc.) Regulations 1977(2) shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) below.

(2) At the end of regulation 2(1) of those Regulations, there shall be inserted the words “excluding any pipe-line or part of a pipe-line which is in, under or over the territorial sea adjacent to Northern Ireland.”

(3) For each reference in those Regulations to the Secretary of State for Energy there shall be substituted a reference to the Health and Safety Executive.

3.—(1) The Submarine Pipe-lines Safety Regulations 1982(3) shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in paragraphs (2) and (3) below.

(2) At the end of Regulation 1(3) of those Regulations, there shall be inserted the words “Reference to a controlled pipe-line does not include any pipe-line or part of a pipe-line which is in, under or over the territorial sea adjacent to Northern Ireland.”

(3) For each reference in those Regulations to the Secretary of State for Energy there shall be substituted a reference to the Health and Safety Executive.

(1) 1975 c. 74; see section 48(1) for the definition of “regulations”.

(2) S.I. 1977/835, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(3) S.I. 1982/1513, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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13th March 1991

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make amendments to the Submarine Pipe-lines (Inspectors etc.) Regulations 1977 and the Submarine Pipe-lines Safety Regulations 1982 in consequence of the transfer of responsibility for the enforcement of those Regulations to the Health and Safety Executive.

The amendments limit the scope of the 1977 and 1982 Regulations, by excluding pipe-lines and parts of pipe-lines in the territorial waters around Northern Ireland, so as to correspond with the scope of the Health and Safety Executive's powers under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c. 37), as extended in relation to submarine pipe-line works by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/840). The amendments also substitute references to the Health and Safety Executive as the authority to which various notices, reports and statements concerning pipe-lines and pipe-line works are to be given under the 1977 and 1982 Regulations.