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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 2378**

**PETROLEUM**

**The Petroleum (Production) (Seaward Areas) (Amendment) Regulations 1992**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>2nd October 1992</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>7th October 1992</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st November 1992</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Petroleum (Production) Act 1934(1) and now vested in him(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Petroleum (Production) (Seaward Areas) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 1st November 1992.

2. The Petroleum (Production) (Seaward Areas) Regulations 1988(3) (hereinafter referred to as “the Principal Regulations”) shall have effect subject to the amendments set out in regulations 3-6 below.

3. In paragraph (a) of regulation 3(1) of the Principal Regulations (application of the Regulations), for the words from “and, where such lines” to “within that limit,” there shall be substituted the words “and within the outward limit of the territorial waters of the United Kingdom,”.

4. In regulation 6(2) of the Principal Regulations (non-invited applications), for sub-paragraphs (a)-(c), there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

- “(a) every part of the area to which the application relates was comprised in a production licence (in this paragraph referred to as “the revoked licence”) which has been revoked either in whole or in relation to the area to which the application relates;
- (b) at the time the revoked licence was revoked, it was held by two or more persons; and
- (c) the application is made by one of those persons, or by a group including at least one of those persons.”

5.—(1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Principal Regulations (lines dividing landward areas from seaward areas)—

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(1) 1934 c. 36; section 1(2) was amended by section 19(1) of the Petroleum Act 1987 (c. 12); section 6 was extended by section 1(3) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 (c. 29).  
(2) S.R. & O. 1942/1132, the Ministry of Fuel and Power Act 1945 (c. 19), S.I. 1969/1498, 1970/1537.  
(3) S.I. 1988/1213, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

- (a) for the word “four” there shall be substituted the word “five”, and
  - (b) after the words “Great Britain”, in each place where they appear, there shall be inserted the words “and Northern Ireland”.
- (2) After paragraph 4 of that Schedule, there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
- “4A.** The lines dividing landward areas from seaward areas at the bays and harbour specified in the second column of Table 3 of this Schedule shall be straight lines drawn between the points identified by the map references respectively specified in the third column of that Table, each such point being a point situate on the low water line on or adjacent to the feature respectively named in the fourth column of that Table.”
- (3) In paragraph 5 of that Schedule, for the word “three” there shall be substituted the word “four”.
- (4) In paragraph 7 of that Schedule, after the words “on a scale of 1:25,000”, there shall be inserted the words “in the case of maps relating to Great Britain and 1:50,000 in the case of maps relating to Northern Ireland.”.
- (5) The first table set out in the Schedule to these Regulations shall be substituted for Table 1 in Schedule 1 to the Principal Regulations, and the second table set out in the Schedule to these Regulations shall be inserted after Table 2 in Schedule 1 to the Principal Regulations.
- 6.** For paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations (form of application for a licence), there shall be substituted the following paragraph—
- “3.** If the application is made by more than one person, and the applicants have agreed on the manner in which benefits resulting from the exploitation of the licence should be shared between them, the share which each applicant would be entitled to take.”

2nd October 1992

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## SCHEDULE

Regulation 5(5)

## TABLES TO BE INCORPORATED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

## "TABLE 1

POINTS AT MOUTHS OF SPECIFIED ESTUARIES AND  
OTHER INDENTATIONS OF THE COAST OF GREAT BRITAIN

	<i>Name of estuary or other indentation</i>	<i>National Grid Reference</i>	<i>Name of feature</i>
1	Firth of Clyde	NR 716074	Cove Point
		NR 718046	Sanda Island (Black Point)
		NR 725037	Sanda Island Lighthouse
2	Wigtown Bay	NW 962695	Laggan Hill
		NX 494464	Eggerness Point
3	Solway Firth	NX 546513	Ringdoo Point
		NX 653432	Fox Craig (Meikle Ross)
4	Duddon Sands	NX 943134	St. Bees Head
		SD 130763	Haverigg Point
5	Morecambe Bay	SD 168685	Mill Scar
		SD 220612	Hilpsford Point
6	River Ribble	SD 304490	Rossall Point
		SD 286250	
7	Liverpool Bay	SD 300202	Horse Bank
		SD 262052	Formby Point
8	Beaumaris Bay	SJ 131855	Point of Ayr
		SH 744786	Penmaenbach Point
9	Holyhead Harbour	SH 641815	Trwyn Du
		SH 281849	Twyn Cliperau
10	Cymyran Bay	SH 257847	Breakwater Head
		SH 294750	Traeth Llydan
11	Llanddwyn Bay	SH 297748	Traeth Cymyran
		SH 386623	Llanddwyn Island
12	Milford Haven	SH 429585	Morfa Dinlleu
		SM 819036	West Blockhouse Point
		SM 840027	Rat Island

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13	Carmarthen Bay	SN 309062	Laugharne Sands
		SS 397926	Burry Holms
14	Bristol Channel	ST 311806	West Usk Lighthouse
		ST 303627	Birnbeck Island
15	Padstow Bay	SW 925784	Shag Rock
		SW 915785	Stepper Point
16	Falmouth Harbour	SW 827315	Pendennis Point
		SW 845311	St. Anthony Head
17	Plymouth Sound	SX 443486	Penlee Point
		SX 490486	Renney Rocks
18	Salcombe River	SX 725359	Bolt Head
		SX 766355	Gammon Head
19	Solent (west side)	SZ 319897	Hurst Castle
		SZ 292849	Needles Point
20	Solent (east side)	SZ 663876	Foreland
		SZ 684990	Fort Cumberland (Eastney Point)
21	Thames Estuary	TR 227694	Reculver
		TM 174142	Clacton-on-Sea
22	Harwich Harbour	TM 268244	The Naze
		TM 283311	Landguard Point
23	The Wash	TF 701452	Gore Point
		TF 565571	Gibraltar Point
24	River Humber	TA 374048	Northcoates Point
		TA 397104	Spurn Head
25	Holy Island Harbour (Lindisfarne)	NU 137403	Parton Shiel
		NU 141415	Castle Point
26	Firth of Forth	NT 496864	Eyebroughy
		NT 496993	Elie Ness
27	Firth of Tay	NO 538159	Kinkell Ness
		NO 546302	Buddon Ness
28	Moray Firth	NH 807587	Whiteness Head
		NH 812670	Sutors Stacks

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		NH 812670	Sutors Stacks
		NH 813686	North Sutor
29	Dornoch Firth	NH 815857	Whiteness
		NH 809871	Dornoch Point
30	Tongue Bay	NC 641638	Port an-t Strathain
		NC 572663	Geodh' an Fhuarain
31	Loch Eriboll	NC 502687	Whiten Head
		NC 392719	Faraid Head
32	Kyle of Durness	NC 392719	Faraid Head
		NC 349717	A'Ghoil'

**“TABLE 3**

**POINTS AT MOUTHS OF SPECIFIED INDENTATIONS  
OF THE COAST OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

	<i>Name of indentation</i>	<i>National Grid Reference</i>	<i>Name of feature</i>
1	Larne Lough	D 398051	Devil's Churn
		D 436036	Skernagh Point
2	Belfast Lough	J 487934	Black Head
		J 602862	Mew Island
		J 601856	Mew Island
		J 599837	Copeland Island
		J 598828	Copeland Island
		J 587813	Foreland Point
3	Strangford Lough	J 624450	Ballyquintin Point
		J 612435	Killard Point
4	Dundrum Harbour	J 422340	Ballykinler
		J 417339	Murlough'

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Petroleum (Production) (Seaward Areas) Regulations 1988, which relate to applications for offshore petroleum exploration and production licences and the clauses to be incorporated in such licences.

The amendments extend the scope of the 1988 Regulations so as to apply to licences in respect of areas within the territorial waters adjacent to Northern Ireland. The table applicable for the purpose of defining lines across bays and estuaries around the coast of Great Britain, and accordingly determining limits in the scope of the 1988 Regulations, is consolidated with amendments to take account of changes in the coastline. The circumstances in which an application for a licence may be made otherwise than in response to a published invitation are restricted to the case where one or more of the former holders of a licence which has been revoked apply (with or without others) for a new licence over the same area. Other amendments are made for clarification.