
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 913

**The Offshore Installations and Wells (Design
and Construction, etc.) Regulations 1996**

PART IV

WELLS

General duty

13.—(1) The well-operator shall ensure that a well is so designed, modified, commissioned, constructed, equipped, operated, maintained, suspended and abandoned that—

- (a) so far as is reasonably practicable, there can be no unplanned escape of fluids from the well; and
- (b) risks to the health and safety of persons from it or anything in it, or in strata to which it is connected, are as low as is reasonably practicable.

(2) The provisions of regulations 14 to 19 and 21 ^{F1}and regulations 11 and 12 of the 2015 Regulations (examination of wells in external waters)] are without prejudice to the generality of the requirements of paragraph (1) save that, where regulation 17(2) places a duty on the duty holder for an installation, the well-operator is not under the same duty.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 13\(2\)](#) inserted (19.7.2015) by [The Offshore Installations \(Offshore Safety Directive\) \(Safety Case etc.\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/398\)](#), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 13 para. 29](#) (with [reg. 4\(2\)](#), [Sch. 14](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction, etc.) Regulations 1996, Section 13.