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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations prescribe the model clauses which, unless the Secretary of State thinks fit to modify or exclude them in any particular case, will be incorporated in exploration, production and petroleum exploration and development licences. The model clauses prescribed will apply for the purposes of the 22nd and subsequent rounds of licensing in seaward areas and the 12th and subsequent rounds of licensing in landward areas.

The purpose of The Petroleum (Current Model Clauses) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/160) (“the 1999 Order”) was to consolidate the model clauses which, prior to the date appointed for commencement of the Petroleum Act 1998 (“the Act”), had been prescribed by the Secretary of State under a series of Statutory Instruments and which were incorporated in licences still in existence at the date so appointed. Section 5(5) of the Act provides that the model clauses set out in the 1999 Order are substituted in relation to the relevant licences for those prescribed under the Statutory Instruments which preceded the Order. These Regulations apply notwithstanding anything contained in the 1999 Order, the sole purpose of which was to effect the above-mentioned process of consolidation.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared. These Regulations have no regulatory impact on existing licences and apply only for the purpose of future licensing rounds. However, it is not possible to describe meaningfully the effect that the revised model clauses are likely to have, not least because their effect on future licences is likely to vary according to the individual characteristics possessed by each licensee. In the circumstances, any Regulatory Impact Assessment which might have been produced would have been likely to have been misleading.

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Sch. 1 excluded by [S.I. 2009/2814 reg. 3](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 5A inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 7(4A)-(4D) inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 16\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 20A inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 16\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 20(2)(ee) inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 20(2)(c) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 20(2)(d) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 20(2)(e) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 20(2)(c) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 clause 7(2) words substituted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 16\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 words substituted by [S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1 words substituted by [S.I. 2009/229 Sch. 2 para. 14\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 excluded by [S.I. 2008/225 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 9A inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 16(5A)-(5D) inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38A inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 17\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 37A inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 48](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(2)(j)(k) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 49\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 16(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(2)(ee) inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(3)-(5) omitted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 49\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(1) substituted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 50\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 16(9) substituted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 16(6) words inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 17\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(4) words inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 17\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(2) words inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 49\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(2)(c) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(2)(d) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(2)(e) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38(2)(c) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 16(2) words substituted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 17\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 38A(2) words substituted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 50\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 clause 16(6) words substituted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 3 excluded by [S.I. 2008/225 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 10A inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 18\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 17(5A)-(5D) inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 18\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 39A inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 18\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 38A inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 52](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(2)(j)(k) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 53\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 17(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(2)(ee) inserted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(3)-(5) omitted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 53\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 39A(1) substituted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 54\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 17(9) substituted by [S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 17(6) words inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 18\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(4) words inserted by [2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 18\(4\)](#)

- Sch. 3 clause 39(2) words inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 53(2)(b)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(2)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(c)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(2)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(c)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(2)(e) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(c)
- Sch. 3 clause 39(2)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(6)(c)
- Sch. 3 clause 17(2) words substituted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 18(3)(a)
- Sch. 3 clause 39A(2) words substituted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 54(3)
- Sch. 3 clause 17(6) words substituted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(2)(b)
- Sch. 3 words substituted by S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41(2)(a)
- Sch. 3 words substituted by S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41(2)(b)
- Sch. 3 words substituted by S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41(2)(c)
- Sch. 4 excluded by S.I. 2008/225 reg. 2(2)
- Sch. 4 clause 8A inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 19(2)
- Sch. 4 clause 15(5A)-(5D) inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 19(3)(b)
- Sch. 4 clause 37A inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 19(5)
- Sch. 4 clause 36A inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 56
- Sch. 4 clause 37(2)(j)(k) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 57(2)(a)
- Sch. 4 clause 15(7A) inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(3)(c)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(2)(ee) inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(7)(d)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(3)-(5) omitted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 57(3)
- Sch. 4 clause 37A(1) substituted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 58(2)
- Sch. 4 clause 15(9) substituted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(4)(c)
- Sch. 4 clause 15(2) words inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 19(3)(a)
- Sch. 4 clause 15(6) words inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 19(3)(c)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(4) words inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 19(4)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(2) words inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 57(2)(b)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(2)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(d)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(2)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(d)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(2)(e) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(d)
- Sch. 4 clause 37(2)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(6)(d)
- Sch. 4 clause 37A(2) words substituted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 58(3)
- Sch. 4 clause 15(6) words substituted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(2)(c)
- Sch. 4 words substituted by S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41(3)(a)
- Sch. 4 words substituted by S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41(3)(b)
- Sch. 4 words substituted by S.I. 2007/3224 Sch. para. 41(3)(c)
- Sch. 5 excluded by S.I. 2008/225 reg. 2(2)
- Sch. 6 clause 8A inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 20(2)
- Sch. 6 clause 15(5A)-(5D) inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 20(3)(b)
- Sch. 6 clause 36A inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 20(5)
- Sch. 6 clause 35A inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 60
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2)(j)(k) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 61(2)(a)
- Sch. 6 clause 15(7A) inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(3)(d)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2)(ee) inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(7)(e)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(3)-(5) omitted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 61(3)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(1) substituted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 62(2)
- Sch. 6 clause 15(9) substituted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(4)(d)
- Sch. 6 clause 15(6) words inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 20(3)(c)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(4) words inserted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 20(4)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2) words inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 61(2)(b)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(e)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(e)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2)(e) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(5)(e)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(6)(e)
- Sch. 6 clause 1(1) words omitted by S.I. 2009/3283 reg. 3(2)
- Sch. 6 clause 15(2) words substituted by 2008 c. 32 Sch. 3 para. 20(3)(a)
- Sch. 6 clause 36(2) words substituted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 21 para. 62(3)
- Sch. 6 clause 15(6) words substituted by S.I. 2006/784 reg. 3(2)(d)
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- reg. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2009/3283 reg. 3\(1\)](#)
- reg. 3(2) excluded by [S.I. 2009/2814 reg. 3](#)
- reg. 3(3)-(6) excluded by [S.I. 2008/225 reg. 2\(2\)](#)