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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 582**

The Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines (Environmental Impact Assessment and other Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

PART 4

Miscellaneous amendments

**Amendment of Offshore Petroleum Licensing (Offshore Safety Directive) Regulations 2015**

**61.**—(1) The Offshore Petroleum Licensing (Offshore Safety Directive) Regulations 2015(1) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “major accident”, insert—

““obligation” includes a prohibition where relevant;” and

(b) for the definition of “prospective offshore licensee”, substitute—

““prospective offshore licensee” means a person in respect of whom an application has been made to the licensing authority—

(a) for the grant of an offshore licence to that person; or

(b) for consent to a transfer of an offshore licence to that person (whether or not after the transfer the licence will be held jointly with another person, including an existing licence holder),

where that application has not been determined;”.

(3) For regulation 11(1), substitute—

“(1) The licensing authority may require an offshore licensee, prospective offshore licensee, operator or proposed operator to provide it with information—

(a) relevant for the performance of the licensing authority’s functions under regulation 3(1), 3(4) or 6(1); or

(b) relating to compliance with any obligation applying to that person under regulation 4, 5(1), 5(5), 8(6), or 9.”.

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(1) *S.I. 2015/385*, amended by the Energy Act 2016 c. 20, Schedule 1, paragraph 81. There are other amendments which are not relevant.