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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production,
Unloading and Storage (Environmental
Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State has been designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) in relation to the environment(2) and matters relating to the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospecting, exploration and production of hydrocarbons(3).

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of that Act and by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973(4), with the consent of the Treasury(5).

The Secretary of State has taken into account the selection criteria set out in Annex III to [Directive 2011/92/EU](#) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment(6).

(1) [1972 c. 68](#). The European Communities Act 1972 was repealed by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ([c. 16](#)) with effect from exit day, but saved with modifications until IP completion day by section 1A of that Act (as inserted by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 ([c. 1](#))). Section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 was amended by section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 ([c. 51](#)) and by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 ([c. 7](#)).

(2) [S.I. 2008/301](#).

(3) [S.I. 1994/1327](#).

(4) [1973 c. 51](#). Section 56(1) of the Act was amended by [S.I. 2011/1043](#).

(5) The consent of the Treasury is required to make regulations under section 56(1) of the Finance Act 1973.

(6) O.J. L 26, 28.1.2012, p. 1. The Directive was amended by [Directive 2014/52/EU](#), O.J. L 124, 25.4.2014, p. 1.