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The Offshore Chemicals and Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

PART 3

Amendment to the Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005

5. After regulation 5A, insert—

"Coronavirus: temporary modifications

5B.—(1) This regulation applies—

- (a) where the effects of coronavirus, including any restrictions on movement, mean that it is not reasonably practicable for the public to inspect copies of documents at a specified address within the United Kingdom; and
- (b) the date is not later than the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this regulation comes into force.

(2) Where paragraph (1) applies, regulation 5A has effect as if—

- (a) in paragraph (1), for sub-paragraph (a), there were substituted—
 - "(a) publish a copy of the application on a website accessible to the public where the public can view and download information placed upon it; and";
- (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for sub-paragraph (b), there were substituted "gives the address of the website referred to in sub-paragraph (a)"; and
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (c), the words "and specifies the amount of any payment required in accordance with paragraph (4)" were omitted; and
- (c) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) for sub-paragraph (a), there were substituted—
 - "(a) must supply a copy free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable by post or electronically"; and
 - (ii) sub-paragraph (b) were omitted.

(3) In this regulation, "coronavirus" means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).".