STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 528

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Section 2(1) of the Petroleum Act 1987 (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - - 10th December 1997

Coming into operation 20th January 1998

Whereas it appears to the Department of Economic Development, being the Department concerned(1), that the modification of section 2(1)(a) of the Petroleum Act 1987(2) is necessary or expedient in consequence of or in connection with regulation 3(1) of the Offshore Safety (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(3), so far as it repealed section 2 of the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971(4).

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 54(1) and (2) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(5) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation in accordance with Article 54(5) of that Order with such bodies as appeared to it to be appropriate, the Department of Economic Development hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Section 2(1)(a) of the Petroleum Act 1987 (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 20th January 1998.

Modification of section 2(1)(a) of the Petroleum Act 1987

2. In section 2(1)(a) of the Petroleum Act 1987 (persons who may be required to submit abandonment programmes) the words preceding "the person having the management" shall be omitted.

⁽¹⁾ See Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)

^{2) 1987} c. 12

⁽³⁾ S.R. 1993 No. 384

^{(4) 1971} c. 61

⁽⁵⁾ S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9); the general purposes of Part II were extended by the Offshore, and Pipelines, Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/1728 (N.I. 17))

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on

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10th December 1997.

Philip B. Strong Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make a modification to section 2(1)(a) of the Petroleum Act 1987 ("the 1987 Act") which appears to the Department of Economic Development to be necessary or expedient as a result of the repeal by the Offshore Safety (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 of section 2 of the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971 ("the 1971 Act") (registration of offshore installations).

Regulation 2 provides for the omission from section 2(1)(a) of the 1987 Act of the reference to a person who registers an offshore installation under section 2 of the 1971 Act.

These Regulations impose no new burdens on business.