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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2010 No. 170**

**The Hydrocarbons Licensing Directive  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010**

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1964 Act” means the Petroleum (Production) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(1);

“the 1987 Regulations” means the Petroleum Production Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(2);

“applicant” means an entity which has made an application for a licence;

“application for a licence” means an application made under the 1987 Regulations;

“the Department” means the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment;

“EEA State” means

(a) a state which is a member of the European Union; and

(b) Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein;

“entity” means any person or any group of persons;

“former licence” means a licence granted under section 2(1) of the 1964 Act on or after the 1st July 1995, but before the date these Regulations come into operation, and “former licensee” and “former licensed area” shall be construed accordingly;

“licence” means a licence granted following an application for a licence;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“the Official Journal” means the Official Journal of the European Union;

“the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union” means the Treaty establishing (what was then called) the European Economic Community, signed at Rome on 25th March 1957, as last amended and renamed by the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon on 13th December 2007(3).

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations and the 1987 Regulations an application for a licence is made on the day on which it is received by the Department.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(4) applies to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

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(1) 1964 c.28 (N.I.)

(2) S.R. 1987 No. 196, as amended by S.R. 2010 No. 169

(3) A consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union can be found in O.J. No. C115, 9.5.2008

(4) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)