
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive)
(Safety Case etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Corporate major accident prevention policy

- 7.—(1) This regulation applies only to a duty holder which is a body corporate or unincorporate.
- (2) The duty holder shall prepare in writing a policy (referred to in these Regulations as the “corporate major accident prevention policy”) which—
- (a) establishes the overall aims and arrangements for controlling the risk of a major accident and how those aims are to be achieved and those arrangements put into effect by the officers of the duty holder;
 - (b) covers the duty holder’s installations—
 - (i) in external waters; and
 - (ii) outside the European Union.
- (3) The corporate major accident prevention policy shall address at least the particulars set out in Schedule 2 and shall be prepared in accordance with the matters set out in Schedule 3.
- (4) The corporate major accident prevention policy may in addition outline the commitment of the duty holder to mechanisms for effective tripartite consultation.
- (5) An operator, in preparing a corporate major accident prevention policy, shall take account of the operator’s primary responsibility for, among other things, the control of risks of a major accident that are a result of the operator’s operations and for continuously improving control of those risks so as to ensure a high level of protection at all times.
- (6) A duty holder shall—
- (a) implement the corporate major accident prevention policy throughout its offshore oil and gas operations; and
 - (b) set up appropriate monitoring arrangements to assure effectiveness of the policy.
- (7) In this regulation and Schedule 2, “officer of the duty holder” in relation to—
- (a) a body corporate, other than a limited liability partnership, means a director or secretary;
 - (b) a limited liability partnership, means a member;
 - (c) a partnership or a limited partnership, means a partner of that partnership or limited partnership; and
 - (d) a body unincorporate (other than a partnership or limited partnership), means a member of the body.
- (8) In paragraph (7)(a) “director” has the meaning given in section 250 of the Companies Act 2006⁽¹⁾.
- (9) In this regulation (but not this paragraph) a reference to a duty holder or operator includes a reference to a well operator.

(1) 2006 c. 46, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(10) Paragraph (2)(b) does not apply to a well operator.