



Gas Act 1965

1965 CHAPTER 36

PART II

UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF GAS BY GAS AUTHORITIES

14 Gas authority's liability for underground gas storage.

- (1) Subject to this section, and to section 18(8)(b) of this Act, the [^{F1}public gas transporter] shall be absolutely liable in civil proceedings in respect of damage caused by gas in an underground gas storage, or by gas in the boreholes connected with an underground gas storage, or which is escaping from or has escaped from any underground gas storage or any such boreholes.
- (2) For the purposes of the law of tort liability under this section shall be regarded as arising from a duty owed by the [^{F1}public gas transporter] to the person suffering the damage, and in section 1 of the ^{M1}Fatal Accidents Act 1846, references to a wrongful act, neglect or default shall include references to any occurrence which gives rise to liability under this section.
- (3) Subject to the ^{M2}Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945, where the person suffers the damage as the result of his own fault (including in that expression the fault of his servant or agent) the [^{F1}public gas transporter] shall not be responsible for the damage.
- (4) In this section "damage" means loss of life, personal injury and damage to property, and in relation to Scotland for the reference to the law of tort there shall be substituted a reference to the law of reparation.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Pt. II (ss. 4-28) substituted (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 16(1), **Sch. 4 para. 7(1)**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2**

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for the Gas Act 1965, Section 14. (See end of Document for details)*

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Reference to section 1 of the [Fatal Accidents Act 1846 \(c. 93\)](#) in s. 14(2) to be constituted as including references to [Fatal Accidents Act 1976 \(c. 30\)](#); [Fatal Accidents Act 1976 \(c. 30, SIF 122:3\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 2**

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1846 c. 93](#).
M2 [1945 c. 28.\(122:3\)](#)

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