

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Energy Act 1976

- 37 (1) For sections 9 to 11 of the Energy Act 1976 (which impose restrictions on the use and liquefaction of offshore natural gas) there shall be substituted the following section—

“9 Liquefaction of offshore natural gas.

- (1) The Secretary of State's consent is required for offshore natural gas to be subjected in Great Britain to any process of liquefaction which results in the production of liquid methane or ethane except such small quantities of liquid methane or ethane as may be produced in the course of providing a supply with consent under section 29 of the Gas Act 1972 and in compliance with any conditions subject to which that consent was given, or providing a supply for which such consent is not required.
- (2) The Secretary of State's consent under subsection (1) above may be given either with reference to particular cases or by means of orders of general application.
- (3) A specific consent given to any person under subsection (1) above (that is to say, a consent given to him otherwise than by an order of general application) is irrevocable and may be given for a specified period or definitely.
- (4) Where consent under that subsection has been given by an order of general application, any person who proposes to undertake a process of liquefaction which is covered by that general consent may notify the Secretary of State of his proposal (in the manner specified in the order), whereupon subsection (3) above applies as if specific consent either unlimited in duration or, if the order so provides, for the period there specified, had been given to him for that process of liquefaction.
- (5) The consent of the Secretary of State under subsection (1) above may in any case be made subject to conditions which may, in particular, be framed by reference to the description or origin of the gas.
- (6) In this section—

" offshore natural gas " means natural gas won under the authority of licences under the Petroleum (Production) Act 1934, as applied by section 1(3) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964, but does not include gas derived from offshore crude otherwise than as a by-product of crude stabilisation ;

" offshore crude " means crude liquid petroleum won under such authority;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

" crude stabilisation " means the treating of offshore crude to enable it to be safely stored or transported.”.

- (2) In section 17(1) of that Act for the words " 10 or " there shall be substituted the words " 9 or ".