



# Scotland Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 11

### PART 4

#### OTHER LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

#### 47 Onshore petroleum

(1) Section D2 in Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998 (oil and gas) is amended as follows.

(2) In the Exceptions, before “The manufacture of gas.” insert—

“The granting and regulation of licences to search and bore for and get petroleum that, at the time of the grant of the licence, is within the Scottish onshore area, except for any consideration payable for such licences.

Access to land for the purpose of searching or boring for or getting petroleum under such a licence.”

(3) After the Exceptions insert—

*“Interpretation*

The Scottish onshore area is the area of Scotland that is within the baselines established by any Order in Council under section 1(1)(b) of the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (extension of territorial sea).

“Petroleum” means petroleum within the meaning given by section 1 of the Petroleum Act 1998 in its natural state in strata.”

#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 47 in force at 9.2.2018 by S.I. 2018/163, reg. 2(a)

**Changes to legislation:**

Scotland Act 2016, Section 47 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/455, reg. 3 by [S.I. 2019/1438 reg. 2](#)