

1977 No. 1752**STATISTICS OF TRADE****The Census of Production (1978) (Returns and Exempted Persons)
Order 1977**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	26th October 1977
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		4th November 1977
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		31st December 1977

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 2 and 11 of the Statistics of Trade Act 1947 (a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in him (b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Census of Production (1978) (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 31 December 1977.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 (c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) "the Standard Industrial Classification" means the edition thereof published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office in 1968, as amended by Amendment List No. 1 so published in 1977 together with the alphabetical list of industries so published in 1968 as amended by Amendment Lists Nos. 1 and 2 so published in 1970 and 1977 respectively.

Matters to which returns may relate

2.—The matters about which a person carrying on an undertaking may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of the Census of Production being taken under the Act by the Secretary of State in 1978 shall be all the matters set out in the Schedule to the Act, as amended (d).

Exempted Persons

3. Any person carrying on an undertaking in the exploration for and extraction of petroleum on land and offshore (being activities falling within minimum list heading 104 (as amended) of Order II of the Standard Industrial Classification) shall be exempted from the obligation to furnish returns for the purposes of the said Census.

Eric Varley,

26th October 1977.

Secretary of State for Industry.

(a) 1947 c. 39.
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).
(d) S.I. 1963/1329 (1963 II, p. 2310).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order (i) prescribes the matters about which a person carrying on an undertaking may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of the Census of Production being taken in 1978; and (ii) exempts from the obligation to furnish such returns any person carrying on an undertaking in the exploration for and extraction of petroleum on land and offshore, being activities set forth in minimum list heading 104 of Order II of the Standard Industrial Classification, which is in the following terms:—

“Exploration for and extraction of petroleum on land and offshore; ‘petroleum’ in this context includes mineral oil, natural gas and natural gas condensates. The Heading includes the activities of holders of petroleum exploration and production licences. Also included are the activities of licensees’ contractors and agents providing services unique to this industry and not allocable to any other Heading in the classification, e.g. well drilling, seismic surveying specifically for petroleum deposits and offshore pipe laying. (The provision of other services, e.g. manufacturing, repairing, catering, transport, procurement or hiring should be included in the appropriate Headings elsewhere in the classification.)

Mining and retorting of oil shale are included under this heading. Also included is the operation of land terminals for stabilisation, separation and storage, and of offshore or land pipelines between well-head and terminal. Other land pipelines are classified to Heading 262 if feeding a refinery, Heading 601 if part of the distribution of gas or Heading 811 if part of the distribution of fuel.”

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