

SCHEDULE 13

CURRENT MODEL CLAUSES FOR LANDWARD APPRAISAL LICENCES DERIVING FROM SCHEDULE 5 TO THE PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) (LANDWARD AREAS) REGULATIONS 1991

PART I

1. This Schedule has effect in relation to paragraph 26 of Schedule 1 to the Act (Schedule 5 to the Petroleum (Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 1991⁽¹⁾).

Commencement Information

I1 Sch. 13 para. 1 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

2. The current model clauses in relation to the said paragraph 26 are those reproduced in Part II.

Commencement Information

I2 Sch. 13 para. 2 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

PART II

Interpretation

1.—(1) In the following clauses the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

“appraise” means, in relation to petroleum, to ascertain the extent or characteristics thereof or to ascertain what are the reserves thereof; and “appraisal” shall be construed accordingly;

“block” means an area delineated on the reference map deposited at the principal office of the Minister’s department;

“half year” means the period from 1st January to 30th June in any year and the period from 1st July to 31st December in any year;

“initial term” has the meaning assigned thereto by clause 3;

“the licensed area” means the area for the time being in which the Licensee may exercise the rights granted by this licence;

“the Licensee” means the person or persons to whom this licence is granted, his personal representatives and any person or persons to whom the rights conferred by this licence may lawfully have been assigned;

“the Minister” means the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry;

“petroleum” includes any mineral oil or relative hydrocarbon and natural gas existing in its natural condition in strata, but does not include coal or bituminous shales or other stratified deposits from which oil can be extracted by destructive distillation;

“well” includes borehole.

(1) S.I.1991/981.

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(2) Any obligations which are to be observed and performed by the Licensee shall at any time at which the Licensee is more than one person be joint and several obligations.

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I3 Sch. 13 clause 1 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Term of licence

3. This licence unless sooner determined under or consequent upon any of the provisions hereof shall be and continue in force for the term of five years next after 19 (hereinafter called “the initial term”) but if the terms and conditions hereof are duly performed and observed, it may be extended for a further period or periods under clause 4.

Commencement Information

I4 Sch. 13 clause 3 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Extension or further extension of term

4. The Minister, on application being made to him in writing during the first six months of the final year of the initial term or any extension thereof specifying the reasons why an extension or further extension is required, may grant an extension or further extension of this licence. Any such extension shall only be for such period as the Minister considers necessary to enable the Licensee to complete the appraisal of any discovery of petroleum and, if appropriate, to apply for a development licence in respect of the licensed area or any part thereof.

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. 13 clause 4 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Right of Licensee to determine licence or surrender part of licensed area

5.—(1) Without prejudice to any obligation or liability imposed by or incurred under the terms and conditions hereof, the Licensee may, at any time, determine this licence or surrender any such part of the licensed area as is mentioned in paragraph (3) of this clause by giving six months' written notice to that effect to the Minister:

Provided that the Minister, if he thinks fit, may accept a shorter period of notice.

(2) A notice given pursuant to paragraph (1) of this clause may be cancelled by a further notice in writing given to the Minister not less than one month before the expiration of the notice.

(3) Any area to be surrendered in accordance with paragraph (1) of this clause shall be a clearly defined area whose surrender will leave a retained area the boundaries of which—

- (a) run north, south, east and west; and
- (b) each extend for 100 metres or a multiple of 100 metres:

Provided that the Minister may agree in writing prior to the date the appropriate notice is given by the Licensee to accept a surrender of part of the licensed area which does not comply with the requirements of this paragraph.

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I6 Sch. 13 clause 5 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Consequences of determination or surrender by Licensee

6. Upon the date on which any determination of this licence by the Licensee or any surrender of a part of the licensed area is to take effect, the rights granted by this licence shall cease or cease in respect of the part so surrendered as the case may be, but without prejudice to any obligation or liability imposed upon the Licensee or incurred by him under the terms and conditions of this licence prior to that date.

Commencement Information

I7 Sch. 13 clause 6 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Payment of consideration for licence

7.—(1) The Licensee shall make to the Minister as consideration for the grant of this licence—

- (a) payments of royalty in accordance with clauses 8 and 9 of this licence; and
- (b) the payment specified in Schedule 2 to this licence.

(2) The Licensee shall not by reason of the determination of this licence or the surrender of any part of the licensed area be entitled to be repaid all or any part of the sum payable to the Minister hereunder.

Commencement Information

I8 Sch. 13 clause 7 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Royalty payments

8.—(1) The Licensee shall pay to the Minister, in respect of each chargeable period, a royalty equal to the sum of the percentages specified in Schedule 3 to this licence of the value of the relevant units won and saved in the year which includes that period, and for the purposes of this paragraph “relevant unit” means a unit won and saved in the chargeable period in question and the value of a relevant unit is the amount produced by dividing the value of the petroleum relating to that period by the number of the relevant units.

(2) For the purposes of this clause and clause 9 of this licence the value of the petroleum relating to a chargeable period is, subject to paragraph (3) of this clause, the total of the amounts which, if the words “one-half of” were omitted from paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section 2 of the Oil Taxation Act 1975(2), would in pursuance of paragraph (a) of the said subsection (4) fall to be taken into account in relation to that period in respect of the persons who by reference to this licence are or are treated as participators for the purposes of those subsections, reduced by the total of the market values which would in pursuance of the said paragraph (b) fall to be taken into account as aforesaid.

(2) [1975 c. 27](#); section 2(4) and (5) was amended by section 133 of, and Schedule 19 to, the Finance Act [1982 \(c. 39\)](#), sections 61 and 62 of the Finance Act [1987 \(c. 16\)](#) and section 236 of, and Schedule 23 to, the Finance Act [1994 \(c. 9\)](#).

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(3) The value which, in pursuance of paragraph (2) of this clause, is the value of the petroleum relating to a chargeable period shall be increased by an amount equal to the value, as determined for the purposes of income tax or the charge of corporation tax on income, of so much of the petroleum won and saved in the licensed area as falls within section 10(1) of the Oil Taxation Act 1975 and was in that period disposed of or relevantly appropriated (within the meaning of Part I of that Act) by the persons mentioned in the said paragraph (2).

(4) In this clause—

“chargeable period” means a half year in which this licence is in force;

“unit” means one tonne of petroleum won and saved in the licensed area, except that in the case of petroleum so won and saved in the form of gas it means a quantity of it equal to 1,115 cubic metres of the gas at a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius and a pressure of 1.0132 bar; and

“year” means a year consisting of a chargeable period in which such a periodic payment as is mentioned in Schedule 2 to this licence is payable and the following chargeable period.

Commencement Information

19 Sch. 13 clause 8 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Provisions supplementary to clause 8

9.—(1) The Licensee shall, within two months after the end of each chargeable period, deliver to the Minister, in such form as the Minister may specify, a statement of—

- (a) the quantity of petroleum won and saved in the licensed area in that period; and
- (b) the amounts of the prices and market values which are required by paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Oil Taxation Act 1975⁽³⁾ to be stated in the returns made for that period in pursuance of that paragraph in consequence of this licence.

(2) The Licensee shall, when he delivers a statement to the Minister in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this clause for a chargeable period in respect of which royalty is payable in pursuance of clause 8(1) of this licence, make to the Minister a payment on account of royalty for that period equal to the sum produced by aggregating the amounts which in pursuance of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of this clause are specified in the statement and reducing the aggregate by the amount which, by virtue of paragraph 2(2)(d)(ii) of Schedule 2 to the Oil Taxation Act of 1975, was specified in the statement delivered to the Minister in pursuance of the said paragraph (1) in respect of the preceding chargeable period.

(3) The Minister may from time to time, after a statement in respect of any chargeable period has been delivered to him in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this clause and before he has given to the Licensee a notice in pursuance of paragraph (4) of this clause in respect of that period, give a notice in writing to the Licensee specifying the amount which the Minister estimates is payable by the Licensee in pursuance of clause 8 of this licence in respect of that period; and where the amount specified in the notice is larger or smaller than the total amount already paid by the Licensee in pursuance of this clause in respect of that period, then—

- (a) if it is larger the difference shall be paid forthwith by the Licensee to the Minister; and
- (b) if it is smaller the difference shall be paid forthwith by the Minister to the Licensee.

(4) When it appears to the Minister that the value of the petroleum relating to any chargeable period has been finally determined for tax purposes, he may give to the Licensee a notice in writing specifying the amount which the Minister considers is payable by the Licensee in pursuance of clause

(3) Paragraph 2 was amended by section 62 of, and Part X of Schedule 16 to, the Finance Act 1987 (c. 16), section 187 of the Finance Act 1993 (c. 34) and section 236 of, and Schedule 23 to, the Finance Act 1994 (c. 9).

8 of this licence in respect of that period; and where the amount specified in the notice is larger or smaller than the total amount already paid by the Licensee in pursuance of this clause in respect of that period, then, subject to paragraph (6) of this clause—

- (a) if it is larger the difference shall be paid forthwith by the Licensee to the Minister; and
- (b) if it is smaller the difference shall be paid forthwith by the Minister to the Licensee.

(5) If after the date when the Minister gave notice to the Licensee in pursuance of paragraph (4) of this clause or this paragraph in respect of a chargeable period it appears to the Minister, in consequence of a relevant assessment or determination made after that date which relates directly or indirectly to the value of petroleum by reference to which the amount specified in the notice was determined, that another amount ought to have been so specified, he may give notice in writing to the Licensee specifying the other amount; and where he does so, then, subject to paragraph (6) of this clause—

- (a) if the other amount is larger than the total amount already paid by the Licensee in pursuance of this clause in respect of that period the difference shall be paid forthwith by the Licensee to the Minister; and
- (b) if it is smaller the difference shall be paid forthwith by the Minister to the Licensee.

(6) A decision made by the Minister for the purposes of paragraph (3), (4) or (5) of this clause shall not be called in question by the Licensee except that any dispute between the Minister and the Licensee as to whether an amount specified in a notice given in pursuance of the said paragraph (4) or (5) is payable by virtue of clause 9 of this licence may be referred to arbitration in the manner provided by clause 34 of this licence; and on a reference to arbitration in pursuance of this paragraph any relevant assessment or determination for the time being in force shall be binding on the Minister and the Licensee so far as the assessment or determination relates directly or indirectly to the value of petroleum relating to the chargeable period in question.

(7) When any payment is made by the Licensee or the Minister in pursuance of paragraph (3), (4) or (5) of this clause, an amount in respect of interest on the payment shall also be payable by him to the recipient of the payment and that amount shall be calculated in such manner as the Minister may specify from time to time in a notice in writing given by him to the Licensee; but—

- (a) a notice in pursuance of this paragraph shall provide for amounts by way of interest to be calculated by applying a rate of interest which is for the time being a commercial rate of interest; and
- (b) any such amount in respect of interest shall be disregarded in calculating for the purposes of the said paragraph (3) or (4) any amount already paid by the Licensee in pursuance of this clause.

(8) In this clause, “chargeable period” has the same meaning as in clause 8 of this licence; and “relevant assessment or determination” means an assessment or determination made by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the purposes of petroleum revenue tax, income tax or the charge of corporation tax on income or a determination made in proceedings arising out of such an assessment or determination made by the said Commissioners.

(9) For the purposes of this clause any amount paid by the Licensee or the Minister on account of a prospective liability under paragraph (3), (4) or (5) of this clause shall be treated as paid in pursuance of that paragraph.

Commencement Information

I10 Sch. 13 clause 9 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

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Measurement of petroleum obtained from the licensed area

10.—(1) The Licensee shall measure or weigh by a method or methods customarily used in good oilfield practice and from time to time approved by the Minister all petroleum won and saved from the licensed area.

(2) The Licensee shall not make any alteration in the method or methods of measurement or weighing used by him or any appliances used for that purpose without the consent in writing of the Minister and the Minister may in any case require that no alteration shall be made save in the presence of a person authorised by the Minister.

(3) The Minister may from time to time direct that any weighing or measuring appliance shall be tested or examined in such manner, upon such occasions or at such intervals and by such persons as may be specified by the Minister's direction and the Licensee shall pay to any such person or to the Minister such fees and expenses for the test or examination as the Minister may specify.

(4) If any measuring or weighing appliance shall upon any such test or examination as is mentioned in the last foregoing paragraph be found to be inaccurate to a material degree the same shall, if the Minister so determines after considering any representations in writing made by the Licensee, be deemed to have existed in that condition during the period since the last occasion upon which the same was tested or examined pursuant to the last foregoing paragraph.

Commencement Information

III Sch. 13 clause 10 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Keeping of accounts

11.—(1) The Licensee shall keep in the United Kingdom full and correct accounts in a form from time to time approved by the Minister of—

- (a) the quantity of petroleum in the form of gas won and saved;
- (b) the quantity of petroleum in any other form won and saved;
- (c) the name and address of any person to whom any petroleum has been supplied by the Licensee, the quantity so supplied, the price or other consideration therefor and the place to which the petroleum was conveyed pursuant to the agreement for such supply; and
- (d) such other particulars as the Minister may from time to time direct.

(2) The quantities of petroleum stated in such accounts may exclude any water separated from the petroleum and shall be expressed as volumes in cubic metres measured at, or calculated as if measured at, a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius and a pressure of 1.0132 bar, but if the Minister serves notice in writing on the Licensee determining any other manner in which any quantity of petroleum or any quantity of any form of petroleum is to be expressed that quantity shall be so expressed.

(3) Such accounts shall state separately the quantities used for the purposes of carrying on drilling and production operations and pumping to field storage, and quantities not so used, and in the case of petroleum not in the form of gas shall state the specific gravity of the petroleum and, if petroleum of different specific gravities has been won and saved, the respective quantities of petroleum of each specific gravity.

(4) The Licensee shall within two months after the end of each half year in which this licence is in force and within two months after the expiration or determination of this licence deliver to the Minister an abstract in a form from time to time approved by the Minister of the accounts for that half year or for the period prior to such expiration or determination as the case may be.

Commencement Information

I12 Sch. 13 clause 11 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Working obligations

12.—(1) The Licensee shall perform the obligations specified in Schedule 4 to this licence prior to the date therein specified.

(2) If the Licensee fails to perform the obligations specified in Schedule 4 to this Licence prior to the date therein specified, this licence shall automatically cease and determine on that date but without prejudice to any obligation or liability imposed upon the Licensee or incurred by him under the terms and conditions of this licence prior to that date.

(3) During the initial term of this licence the Licensee shall carry out with due diligence (subject to the provisions of clause 13) the appraisal of any discovery of petroleum within the licensed area.

(4) The Licensee shall give the Minister at least 21 days' written notice of any proposed seismic survey during the term of this licence of any area which is not wholly on the seaward side of the low water line and such notice shall indicate the nature of the survey and the total number of kilometres to be shot and shall be accompanied by a copy of an Ordnance Survey map for the relevant area drawn to the scale of 1:50,000 or 1:63,360 upon which the proposed lines of survey are indicated and by evidence that the planning authorities for the area to be surveyed have been consulted about the proposed survey and, in a case where any planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is required for the survey in question, evidence that such permission has been granted.

(5) The Licensee shall not carry out any seismic survey during the term of this licence of any such area as is mentioned in paragraph (4) of this clause if notice has not been given as aforesaid or if the Minister indicates to the Licensee within 14 days of the receipt of such notice that the survey is not to be carried out.

Commencement Information

I13 Sch. 13 clause 12 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Appraisal production

13.—(1) The Licensee shall not—

- (a) get petroleum in the course of or for the purposes of appraisal; or
- (b) otherwise get petroleum pursuant to this licence,

except with the consent in writing of the Minister.

(2) A consent given by the Minister in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this clause may be given subject to such conditions as are specified in the document signifying the consent and may in particular, without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph, be limited to a period or periods or be given in respect of a quantity or quantities of petroleum specified in the consent.

Commencement Information

I14 Sch. 13 clause 13 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

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Commencement and abandonment and plugging of wells

14.—(1) The Licensee shall not commence, or after abandoning in the manner hereinafter provided shall not recommence, the drilling of any well without the consent in writing of the Minister.

(2) The Licensee shall not abandon any well without the consent in writing of the Minister.

(3) The Licensee shall ensure compliance with any conditions subject to which any consent under either of the foregoing paragraphs is given.

(4) If any condition subject to which a consent under paragraph (1) of this clause is given relates to the position, depth, or direction of the well, or to any casing of the well or if any condition subject to which a consent under either paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this clause is given relates to any plugging or sealing of the well, the Minister may from time to time direct that the well and all records relating thereto shall be examined in such manner, upon such occasions or at such intervals and by such persons as may be specified by the Minister's direction and the Licensee shall pay to any such person or to the Minister such fees and expenses for such examination as the Minister may specify.

(5) The plugging of any well shall be done in accordance with a specification approved by the Minister applicable to that well or wells generally or to a class of wells to which that well belongs and shall be carried out in an efficient and workmanlike manner.

(6) Any well drilled by the Licensee pursuant to this licence, which at the expiry or determination of the Licensee's rights in respect of the area or part thereof in which that well is drilled has not with the consent of the Minister been abandoned, shall be left in good order and fit for further working together with all castings and well head fixtures the removal whereof would cause damage to such well, or, if the Minister so directs in the manner provided by paragraph (8) of this clause, be plugged and sealed in accordance with the Minister's direction.

(7) All casings and fixtures left in position pursuant to the last foregoing paragraph shall be the property of the Minister.

(8) In any case to which paragraph (6) of this clause applies, a direction by the Minister may be given by notice in writing to the Licensee not less than one month before the Licensee's rights in respect of the area or part thereof in which the well is situate expire or determine, specifying the manner in which the well is to be plugged and sealed and the time within which such work is to be done.

(9) An application for the consent of the Minister to the drilling of a well at any place above the low water line shall be accompanied by evidence that the planning authority for the relevant place has been consulted about the drilling and that any planning permission required by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(4) for the drilling of that well has been granted.

Commencement Information

I15 Sch. 13 clause 14 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Distance of wells from boundaries of licensed area

15. No well shall except with the consent in writing of the Minister be drilled or made so that any part thereof is less than one hundred and twenty-five metres from any of the boundaries of the licensed area.

(4) 1990 c. 8.

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Commencement Information

I16 Sch. 13 clause 15 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Further controls on wells

16.—(1) The Licensee shall not suspend work on the drilling of a well, or having suspended it in accordance with this paragraph shall not begin it again, except with the consent in writing of the Minister and in accordance with the conditions, if any, subject to which the consent is given.

(2) When work on the drilling of a well is suspended in accordance with paragraph (1) of this clause, the Licensee shall forthwith furnish the Minister with such information relating to the well as the Minister may specify.

(3) The Licensee—

- (a) shall not do any completion work in respect of a well in the licensed area except in accordance with a programme of completion work approved by the Minister in respect of the well;
- (b) shall furnish to the Minister, in accordance with the provisions of such a programme, particulars of any completion work done by him in respect of a well in the licensed area; and
- (c) shall not remove or alter any casing or equipment installed by way of completion work in respect of a well except with the consent in writing of the Minister and in accordance with the conditions, if any, subject to which the consent is given.

(4) In this clause, “completion work”, in relation to a well, means work, by way of the installation of a casing or equipment or otherwise after the well has been drilled, for the purposes of bringing the well into use.

Commencement Information

I17 Sch. 13 clause 16 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Provision of storage tanks, pipes, pipelines or other receptacles

17. The Licensee shall use methods and practice customarily used in good oilfield practice for confining the petroleum obtained from the licensed area in tanks, gasholders, pipes, pipelines or other receptacle constructed for that purpose.

Commencement Information

I18 Sch. 13 clause 17 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Avoidance of harmful methods of working

18.—(1) The Licensee shall maintain all apparatus and appliances and all wells in the licensed area which have not been abandoned and plugged as provided by clause 14 of this licence in good repair and condition and shall execute all operations in or in connection with the licensed area in a proper and workmanlike manner in accordance with methods and practice customarily used in good oilfield practice. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision the Licensee shall take all steps practicable in order—

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- (a) to control the flow and to prevent the escape or waste of petroleum discovered in or obtained from the licensed area;
- (b) to conserve the licensed area for productive operations;
- (c) to prevent damage to adjoining petroleum bearing strata;
- (d) to prevent the entrance of water through wells to petroleum bearing strata except for the purposes of secondary recovery; and
- (e) to prevent the escape of petroleum into any waters or water bearing strata in or in the vicinity of the licensed area.

(2) The Licensee shall comply with any instructions from time to time given by the Minister in writing relating to any of the matters set out in the foregoing paragraph. If the Licensee objects to any such instruction on the ground that it is unreasonable he may, within fourteen days from the date upon which the same was given, refer the matter to arbitration in the manner provided by clause 34 of this licence.

- (3) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this clause, the Licensee shall not—
- (a) flare any gas from the licensed area; or
 - (b) use gas for the purpose of creating or increasing the pressure by means of which petroleum is obtained from that area,

except with the consent in writing of the Minister and in accordance with the conditions, if any, of the consent.

(4) An application for consent in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this clause must be made in writing to the Minister and must specify the date on which the Licensee proposes to begin the flaring or use in question.

(5) Before deciding to withhold consent or to grant it subject to conditions in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this clause, the Minister shall give the Licensee an opportunity of making representations in writing to the Minister about the technical and financial factors which the Licensee considers are relevant in connection with the case and shall consider any such representations then made to him by the Licensee.

(6) Consent in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this clause shall not be required for any flaring which, in consequence of an event which the Licensee did not foresee in time to deal with it otherwise than by flaring, is necessary in order—

- (a) to remove or reduce the risk of injury to persons in the vicinity of the well in question; or
- (b) to maintain a flow of petroleum from that or any other well;

but when the Licensee does any flaring which is necessary as aforesaid he shall forthwith inform the Minister that he has done it and shall, in the case of flaring to maintain a flow of petroleum, stop the flaring upon being directed by the Minister to stop it.

(7) The Licensee shall give notice to the Minister of any event causing escape or waste of petroleum, damage to petroleum bearing strata or entrance of water through wells to petroleum bearing strata forthwith after the occurrence of that event and shall, forthwith after the occurrence of any event causing escape of petroleum into the sea, give notice of the event to the Chief Inspector of Her Majesty's Coastguard.

(8) The Licensee shall comply with any reasonable instructions from time to time given by the Minister with a view to ensuring that funds are available to discharge any liability for damage attributable to the release or escape of petroleum in the course of activities connected with the exercise of rights granted by this licence; but where the Minister proposes to give such instructions he shall before giving them—

- (a) give the Licensee particulars of the proposal and an opportunity of making representations to the Minister about the proposal; and

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(b) consider any representations then made to him by the Licensee about the proposal.

Commencement Information

I19 Sch. 13 clause 18 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Appointment of Operators

19.—(1) The Licensee shall ensure that another person (including, in the case where the Licensee is two or more persons, any of those persons) does not exercise any function of organising or supervising all or any of the operations of searching or boring for or getting petroleum carried out in pursuance of this licence unless that other person is a person approved in writing by the Minister and the function in question is one to which that approval relates.

(2) The Minister shall not refuse to give his approval of a person in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this clause if that person is competent to exercise the function in question; but where an approved person is no longer competent to exercise that function the Minister may, by notice in writing given to the Licensee, revoke his approval.

Commencement Information

I20 Sch. 13 clause 19 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Fishing and navigation

20. The Licensee shall not carry out any operations authorised by this licence in or about the licensed area in such manner as to interfere unjustifiably—

- (a) with navigation in any navigable waters; or
- (b) with fishing in or conservation of the living resources of any waters in or in the vicinity of the licensed area.

Commencement Information

I21 Sch. 13 clause 20 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Training

21.—(1) The Minister may from time to time give to the Licensee instructions in writing as to the training of persons employed or to be employed, whether by the Licensee or by any other person, in any activity which is related to the exercise of the rights granted by this licence, and the Licensee shall ensure that any instructions so given are complied with.

(2) The Licensee shall furnish the Minister with such information relating to the training of persons referred to in paragraph (1) of this clause as the Minister may from time to time request.

Commencement Information

I22 Sch. 13 clause 21 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

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Licensee to keep records

22.—(1) The Licensee shall keep accurate records in a form from time to time approved by the Minister of the drilling, deepening, plugging or abandonment of all wells and of any alterations in the casing thereof. Such records shall contain particulars of the following matters—

- (a) the site of, number and name (if any) assigned to every well;
- (b) the subsoil and strata through which the well was drilled;
- (c) the casing inserted in any well and any alteration to such casing;
- (d) any petroleum, water, mines or workable seams of coal encountered; and
- (e) such other matters as the Minister may from time to time direct.

(2) The Licensee shall keep in the United Kingdom accurate geological plans, maps relating to the licensed area and such other records in relation to the licensed area and such other records in relation thereto as may be necessary to preserve all information which the Licensee has about the geology of the licensed area.

(3) The Licensee shall deliver copies of the said records, plans and maps referred to in the two foregoing paragraphs to the Minister as and when required.

Commencement Information

I23 Sch. 13 clause 22 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Returns

23.—(1) The Licensee shall furnish to the Minister not later than 6 weeks after the end of each half year which falls wholly or partly within the period during which this licence is in force a return in a form from time to time approved by the Minister of the progress of his operations in the licensed area. Such return shall contain—

- (a) a statement of all geological work, including surveys and tests, which has been carried out and the areas in which and the persons by whom the work has been carried out and the results thereof;
- (b) the number and name (if any) assigned to each well and, in the case of any well the drilling of which was begun or the number of which has been changed during the period to which the return relates, the site thereof;
- (c) a statement of the depth drilled in each well; and
- (d) a statement of any petroleum, water, mines or workable seams of coal or other minerals encountered in the course of the said operations.

(2) The Licensee shall furnish to the Minister such information as the Minister may from time to time request about any aspect of the activities of the Licensee which are attributable directly or indirectly to the grant of this licence, except that the Licensee shall not by virtue of this paragraph be required to furnish information in respect of his activities in connection with any crude oil after he has appropriated it for refining by him.

Commencement Information

I24 Sch. 13 clause 23 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Licensee to keep samples

24.—(1) As far as reasonably practicable, the Licensee shall correctly label and preserve for reference for a period of five years (notwithstanding the expiration or earlier determination of this licence) samples of the strata encountered in any well (including, where the site of such well is on land covered by water, the surface of such land) and samples of any petroleum or water discovered in any well in the licensed area.

(2) The Licensee shall not dispose of any sample after the expiry of the said period of five years unless—

- (a) he has at least six months before the date of the disposal given notice in writing to the Minister of his intention to dispose of the sample; and
- (b) the Minister or any person authorised by him has not within the said period of six months informed the Licensee in writing that he wishes the sample to be delivered to him.

(3) The Minister or any person authorised by him shall be entitled at any time—

- (a) to inform the Licensee in writing that he wishes part of any sample preserved by the Licensee to be delivered to him; or
- (b) to inspect and analyse any sample preserved by the Licensee.

(4) The Licensee shall forthwith comply with any request for the delivery of the whole or any part of any sample which is made in accordance with the preceding provisions of this clause.

Commencement Information

I25 Sch. 13 clause 24 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Reports to be treated as confidential

25.—(1) All records, returns, plans, maps, samples, accounts and information (in this clause referred to as “the specified data”) which the Licensee is or may be from time to time required to furnish under the provisions of this licence shall be supplied at the expense of the Licensee and shall not (except with the consent in writing of the Licensee which shall not be unreasonably withheld) be disclosed at any time to any person not in the service or employment of the Crown:

Provided that—

- (i) the Minister shall be entitled at any time to make use of any of the specified data for the purpose of preparing and publishing such returns and reports as may be required of the Minister by law;
- (ii) the Minister shall be entitled at any time to furnish any of the specified data to the Natural Environmental Research Council and to any other body of a like nature as may from time to time be carrying on activities of a substantially similar kind to the geological activities at present carried on by the said Council;
- (iii) the Minister, the said Council and any such other body shall be entitled at any time to prepare and publish reports and surveys of a general nature using information derived from any of the specified data;
- (iv) the Minister, the said Council and any such other body shall be entitled to publish any of the specified data of a geological, scientific or technical kind after the expiration of the period of five years beginning with the date when the Minister received the data or after the expiration of such longer period as the Minister may determine after considering any representations made to him by the Licensee about the publication of data in pursuance of this sub-paragraph.

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I26 Sch. 13 clause 25 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Inspection of records, etc.

26. The Licensee shall—

- (a) permit any person in the service or employment of the Crown who is appointed by the Minister for the purpose to inspect, and to take copies of and make notes from, all books, papers, maps and other records of any kind kept by the Licensee in pursuance of this licence or in connection with activities about which the Minister is entitled to obtain information in pursuance of clauses 21(2) and 23(2) of this licence; and
- (b) furnish that person at reasonable times with such information and provide him at reasonable times with such reasonable assistance as he may request in connection with or arising out of an inspection in pursuance of this clause.

Commencement Information

I27 Sch. 13 clause 26 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Rights of access

27. Any person or persons authorised by the Minister shall be entitled at all reasonable times to enter into and upon any land for the time being possessed or occupied by the Licensee in the licensed area or to enter into and upon any of the Licensee’s installations or equipment used or to be used in connection with searching, boring for or getting petroleum in the licensed area for the purposes hereinafter mentioned—

- (a) to examine the installations, wells, plant, appliances and works made or executed by the Licensee in pursuance of this licence and the state of repair and condition thereof; and
- (b) to execute any works or to provide and install any equipment which the Minister may be entitled to execute or provide and install in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Commencement Information

I28 Sch. 13 clause 27 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Power to execute works

28. If the Licensee shall at any time fail to perform the obligations arising under the terms and conditions of any of clauses 10, 14, 17 and 18 of this licence the Minister shall be entitled, after giving to the Licensee reasonable notice in writing of his intention to do so, to execute any works and to provide and install any equipment which in the opinion of the Minister may be necessary to secure the performance of the said obligations or any of them and to recover the costs and expenses of so doing from the Licensee.

Commencement Information

I29 Sch. 13 clause 28 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Right of distress

29. If and whenever any of the payments mentioned in clause 7(1) of this licence or any part thereof shall be in arrear or unpaid for 28 days next after any of the days whereon the same ought to have been paid (whether the same shall have been legally demanded or not) then and so often as the same may happen the Minister may (as an additional remedy and without prejudice to the power of distress and any other rights and remedies to which he would be entitled) enter into and upon any land which shall for the time being be possessed or occupied by the Licensee for the purposes of this licence or the exercise of any of the rights thereby granted or into and upon any of the Licensee's installations and equipment used or to be used in connection with searching, boring for or getting petroleum in the licensed area and may seize and distrain and sell, as a landlord may do for rent in arrear, all or any of the stocks of petroleum, engines, machinery, tools, implements, chattels and effects belonging to the Licensee which shall be found in or upon or about the land, installations and equipment so entered upon, and out of the moneys arising from the sale of such distress may retain and pay all the arrears of the said payments and also the costs and expenses of and incidental to any such distress and sale rendering the surplus (if any) to the Licensee.

Commencement Information

I30 Sch. 13 clause 29 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Indemnity against third party claims

30. The Licensee shall at all times keep the Minister effectually indemnified against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, claims and demands whatsoever which may be made or brought against the Minister by any third party in relation to or in connection with this licence or any matter or thing done or purported to be done in pursuance thereof.

Commencement Information

I31 Sch. 13 clause 30 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Advertisements, prospectuses etc.

31. No statement shall be made either in any notice, advertisement, prospectus or other document issued by or to the knowledge of the Licensee or in any other manner claiming or suggesting whether expressly or by implication that Her Majesty or any Government Department or any person or body acting on behalf of Her Majesty has or have formed or expressed any opinion that the licensed area is from its geological formation or otherwise one in which petroleum is likely to be obtainable.

Commencement Information

I32 Sch. 13 clause 31 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Restrictions on assignments etc.

32.—(1) The Licensee shall not, except with the consent in writing of the Minister and in accordance with the conditions (if any) of the consent, do anything whatsoever whereby, under the law (including the rules of equity) of any part of the United Kingdom or of any other place, any right granted by this licence or derived from a right so granted becomes exercisable by or for the benefit of or in accordance with the directions of another person.

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(2) The Licensee shall not enter into any agreement providing for a person other than the Licensee to become entitled to, or to any proceeds of sale of, any petroleum which, at the time when the agreement is made, has not been but may be won and saved from the licensed area unless the terms of the agreement have been approved in writing by the Minister either unconditionally or subject to conditions; but the preceding provisions of this paragraph do not apply to—

- (a) an agreement for the sale of such petroleum under which the price is payable after the petroleum is won and saved; and
- (b) an agreement insofar as it provides that, after any petroleum has been won and saved from the licensed area, it shall be exchanged for other petroleum.

(3) The Licensee shall not, without the consent of the Minister, dispose of any petroleum won and saved in the licensed area or any proceeds of sale of such petroleum in such a manner that the disposal does, to the knowledge of the Licensee or without his knowing it, fulfil or enable another person to fulfil obligations which a person who controls the Licensee, or a person who is controlled by a person who controls the Licensee, is required to fulfil by an agreement which, if the person required to fulfil the obligations were the Licensee, would be an agreement of which the terms require approval by virtue of paragraph (2) of this clause and subsections (2) and (4) to (6) of section 416 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988⁽⁵⁾ shall apply, for the purpose of determining whether for the purpose of this paragraph a person has control of another person, with the following modifications, namely—

- (a) for the words “the greater part” wherever they occur in the said subsection (2) there shall be substituted the words “one-third or more”; and
- (b) in the said subsection (6), for the word “may” there shall be substituted the word “shall”, the words from “and such attributions” onwards shall be omitted and in the other provisions of that subsection any reference to an associate of a person shall be construed as including only a relative of his (as defined by section 417(4) of that Act), a partner of his and a trustee of a settlement (as defined by section 681(4) of that Act) of which he is a beneficiary.

(4) Where the Licensee is two or more persons, then, without prejudice to the preceding provisions of this clause, none of those persons shall enter into an agreement with respect to the entitlement of any of them to—

- (a) the benefit of any right granted by this licence;
- (b) any petroleum won and saved from the licensed area; or
- (c) any proceeds of sale of such petroleum,

unless the terms of the agreement have been approved in writing by the Minister; but the preceding provisions of this paragraph do not apply to an agreement for the sale of such petroleum under which the price is payable after the petroleum is won and saved and an agreement insofar as it provides that, after any petroleum has been won and saved from the licensed area, it shall be exchanged for other petroleum.

Commencement Information

I33 Sch. 13 clause 32 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

Power of revocation

33.—(1) If any of the events specified in the following paragraph shall occur then and in any such case the Minister may revoke this licence and thereupon the same and all the rights hereby

(5) 1988 c. 1.

granted shall cease and determine but subject nevertheless and without prejudice to any obligation or liability incurred by the Licensee or imposed upon him by or under the terms and conditions thereof.

- (2) The events referred to in the foregoing paragraph are—
- (a) any payments mentioned in clause 7(1) of this licence or any part thereof being in arrear or unpaid for two months next after any of the days whereon the same ought to have been paid;
 - (b) any breach or non-observance by the Licensee of any of the terms and conditions of this licence;
 - (c) the bankruptcy of the Licensee;
 - (d) the making by the Licensee of any arrangement or composition with his creditors;
 - (e) if the Licensee is a company, the appointment of a receiver or any liquidation whether compulsory or voluntary;
 - (f) the Licensee's ceasing in the case of a company to have its central management and control in the United Kingdom;
 - (g) any breach of a condition subject to which the Minister gave his approval in pursuance of clause 32(2) of this licence;
 - (h) any breach of clause 33(4) of this licence;

and where two or more persons are the Licensee any reference to the Licensee in sub-paragraph (c) to (f) of this paragraph is a reference to any of those persons.

(3) The Minister may revoke this licence, with the like consequences as are mentioned in paragraph (1) of this clause, if—

- (a) the Licensee is a company; and
- (b) there is a change in the control of the Licensee; and
- (c) the Minister serves a notice in writing on the Licensee stating that the Minister proposes to revoke this licence in pursuance of this paragraph unless such a further change in the control of the Licensee as is specified in the notice takes place within the period of three months beginning with the date of service of the notice; and
- (d) that further change does not take place within that period.

(4) There is a change in the control of the Licensee for the purposes of paragraph (3)(b) of this clause whenever a person has control of the Licensee who did not have control of the Licensee when this licence was granted; and subsections (2) and (4) to (6) of section 416 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall apply for the purpose of determining whether for the purposes of this paragraph a person has or had control of the Licensee, with the modifications specified in clause 32(3) of this licence.

(5) Where two or more persons are the Licensee and any of them is a company, paragraphs (3) and (4) of this clause shall have effect as if—

- (a) sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) were omitted;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) of that paragraph, after the word “of” there were inserted the words “any company included among the persons who together constitute”; and
- (c) for the word “Licensee” in any other provision of those paragraphs there were substituted the word “company”.

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I34 Sch. 13 clause 33 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

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Arbitration

34.—(1) If at any time any dispute, difference or question shall arise between the Minister and the Licensee as to any matter arising under or by virtue of this licence or as to their respective rights and liabilities in respect thereof then the same shall, except where it is expressly provided by this licence that the matter or thing to which the same relates is to be determined, decided, directed, approved or consented to by the Minister, be referred to arbitration as provided by the following paragraph.

(2) The arbitration referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall be by a single arbitrator who, in default of agreement between the Minister and the Licensee as to his appointment, shall be appointed by the Lord Chief Justice of England.

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I35 Sch. 13 clause 34 in force at 15.2.1999, see [art. 1](#)

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