
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision to charge fees in relation to activities carried out by the Secretary of State relating to the environmental regulation of the offshore oil and gas industry.

Regulation 2 provides for fees relating to certain activities under the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998.

Regulation 3 provides for fees relating to certain activities under the Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015.

Regulation 4 provides for fees relating to certain activities under the Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2015.

Regulation 5 provides for fees relating to certain licences under regulation 49 of the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 2007.

The fees under regulations 2 to 5 are to be calculated in accordance with regulation 7.

Regulation 6 provides that fees for applications for certain licences under section 71 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 are to be calculated in accordance with regulation 7.

Regulations 8 and 9 amend the Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1999 and the Offshore Petroleum Activities (Conservation of Habitats) Regulations 2001 to include a power to charge fees in relation to certain activities under those Regulations.

An impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside these Regulations on www.legislation.gov.uk.