

**2015 No. 1576 (C. 90)**

**ENERGY**

**The Infrastructure Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4)  
Regulations 2015**

*Made* - - - -

*21st July 2015*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 57(7)(c) of the Infrastructure Act 2015<sup>(a)</sup>, makes the following Regulations.

**Citation and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Infrastructure Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2015.

(2) In these Regulations, “the Act” means the Infrastructure Act 2015.

**Provisions coming into force on 30th July 2015**

**2.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the day appointed for the coming into force of section 50 (onshore hydraulic fracturing: safeguards) of the Act is 30th July 2015.

(2) Section 50 comes into force only for the purposes of the insertion of the following provisions in the Petroleum Act 1998<sup>(b)</sup>—

- (a) section 4B(4);
- (b) section 4B(5);
- (c) section 4B(6);
- (d) section 4B(7).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change

21st July 2015

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(a) 2015 c.7.  
(b) 1998 c.17.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force section 50 of the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7) (“the Act”) for the purpose only of the duty to make provision by regulations to define “protected groundwater source areas” and “other protected areas” in section 4A of the Petroleum Act 1998 (c. 17). In consequence, the Secretary of State is required to lay a draft of such regulations before Parliament by 31st July 2015.

An impact assessment of the effect that section 50 of the Act will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector has been produced, and a copy is available at [http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/2015/254/pdfs/ukia\\_20150254\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/2015/254/pdfs/ukia_20150254_en.pdf). No separate impact assessment has been produced for this instrument.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The following provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 have been brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Part 1, so far as not already in force	5th March 2015	2015/481 (C. 26)
Part 2	31st July 2015	2015/1543 (C. 88)
Section 23, so far as it relates to England	12th April 2015	2015/481 (C. 26)
Section 24, so far as it relates to England	5th March 2015	2015/481 (C. 26)
Section 25, so far as it relates to England	5th March 2015	2015/481 (C. 26)
Part 4, so far as it relates to Wales	12th April 2015	2015/990 (W. 67) (C. 67)
Section 26	12th April 2015	2015/758 (C. 41)
Section 28, so far as not already in force	14th July 2015	2015/758 (C. 41)
Section 41	12th April 2015	2015/481 (C. 26)
Section 42	12th April 2015	2015/481 (C. 26)
Schedule 7	12th April 2015	2015/481 (C. 26)

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