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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 797**

**The Scotland Act 2016 and Wales Act 2017 (Onshore Petroleum) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2018**

**Section 45A of the Petroleum Act 1998, Scotland**

- 2.—(1) Section 45A (abandoned wells) of the Petroleum Act 1998<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsections (2), (4)(b), (5) and (6), for “OGA” substitute “appropriate authority”.
- (3) In subsection (10)—
- (a) before the definition of “petroleum licence” insert—
- ““appropriate authority” means—
- (a) in relation to a person who has drilled, or commenced drilling, a well in the Scottish onshore area in pursuance of a petroleum licence, the Scottish Ministers;
- (b) otherwise, the OGA;”;
- (b) after the definition of “petroleum licence” insert—
- ““Scottish onshore area” has the meaning given in section 8A(3);”.

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(1) 1998 c. 17. Section 45A was inserted by section 75(1) of the Energy Act 2008 (c. 32) and amended by section 2 of, and paragraph 28 of Schedule 1 to, the Energy Act 2016 (c. 20).