
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 797

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

Section 45A of the Petroleum Act 1998, Wales

- 3.—**(1) Section 45A of the Petroleum Act 1998 is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (9), at the beginning, insert “Subject to subsection (9A),”.
- (3) After subsection (9), insert—
- “(9A) Where an offence under this section relates to a notice given to a person who has drilled, or commenced drilling, a well in the Welsh onshore area in pursuance of a petroleum licence, subsection 41(1)(a) applies in relation to its prosecution as though each reference to “the Secretary of State” were a reference to “the Welsh Ministers”.”.
- (4) In subsection (10)—
- (a) in the definition of “appropriate authority”, as inserted by regulation 2(6)(a), after subparagraph (a) insert—
- “(aa) in relation to a person who has drilled, or commenced drilling, a well in the Welsh onshore area in pursuance of a petroleum licence, the Welsh Ministers;”;
- and
- (b) after the definition of “well” insert—
- ““Welsh onshore area” has the meaning given in section 8A(5).”.