



Energy Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 20

PART 2

FURTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE OGA RELATING TO OFFSHORE PETROLEUM

CHAPTER 3

INFORMATION AND SAMPLES

Information and samples plans

31 Preparation and agreement of information and samples plans

- (1) The responsible person must prepare an information and samples plan in connection with a licence event.
- (2) The responsible person must agree the information and samples plan with the OGA—
 - (a) in the case of a licence event mentioned in section 30(3)(a), (b) or (c) (transfer, surrender or expiry), before the licence event takes place, or
 - (b) in the case of a licence event mentioned in section 30(3)(d) (revocation), within a reasonable period after the revocation of the relevant licence.
- (3) An information and samples plan has effect once it is agreed with the OGA.
- (4) If an information and samples plan is not agreed with the OGA as mentioned in subsection (2)(a) or (b), the OGA—
 - (a) may itself prepare an information and samples plan in connection with the licence event, and
 - (b) may require the responsible person to provide it with such information as the OGA may require to enable it to do so.
- (5) The OGA must inform the responsible person of the terms of any information and samples plan it prepares in connection with a licence event.

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- (6) Where the OGA—
- (a) prepares an information and samples plan in connection with a licence event, and
 - (b) informs the responsible person of the terms of the plan,
- the plan has effect as if it had been prepared by the responsible person and agreed with the OGA.
- (7) Where an information and samples plan has effect in connection with a licence event, the responsible person must comply with the plan.
- (8) The requirements imposed by subsections (2) and (7), or under subsection (4)(b), are sanctionable in accordance with Chapter 5.

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