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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 514**

**The Oil and Gas Authority (Offshore Petroleum)  
(Retention of Information and Samples) Regulations 2018**

**PART 1**

**General**

**Application**

**2.** These Regulations apply to—

(1) petroleum-related information<sup>(1)</sup> which is—

- (a) held by or on behalf of a specified relevant person<sup>(2)</sup> on the day the Regulations commence, or
- (b) acquired or created by or on behalf of a specified relevant person on or after that day, and

(2) petroleum-related samples<sup>(3)</sup> which are—

- (a) held by or on behalf of a specified offshore licensee<sup>(4)</sup> on the day the Regulations commence, or
- (b) acquired or created by or on behalf of a specified offshore licensee on or after that day.

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<sup>(1)</sup> “Petroleum-related information” is defined in section 27(1) of the Energy Act 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> “Relevant person” is defined in section 18(1) of the Energy Act 2016 as a person listed in section 9A(1)(b) of the Petroleum Act 1998 (c.17), being (i) holders of petroleum licences; (ii) operators under petroleum licences; (iii) owners of upstream petroleum infrastructure; (iv) persons planning and carrying out the commissioning of upstream petroleum infrastructure; and (v) owners of relevant offshore installations. Those terms are further defined in sections 9H-9I of the Petroleum Act 1998.

<sup>(3)</sup> “Petroleum-related samples” is defined in section 27(1) of the Energy Act 2016.

<sup>(4)</sup> “Offshore licensee” is defined in section 18(1) of the Energy Act 2016.