



# Petroleum Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 17

### PART III

#### SUBMARINE PIPELINES

#### 20 Inspectors etc.

- [<sup>F1</sup>(1) The OGA may appoint, as inspectors to assist it in the execution of this Part of this Act, such number of persons appearing to it to be qualified for the purpose as it considers appropriate from time to time.]
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision with respect to—
- (a) the powers and duties of—
    - (i) inspectors appointed under subsection (1); and
    - (ii) any other persons acting on the directions of the [<sup>F2</sup>OGA] in connection with the execution of this Part of this Act; and
  - (b) the facilities to be accorded to such inspectors and other persons.
- (3) For the purpose of enforcing regulations made under subsection (2), an inspector appointed under subsection (1) shall have the same powers under section 38 of the <sup>M1</sup>Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (institution of proceedings in England and Wales) as he would have if he were an inspector appointed by the Health and Safety Executive under section 19 of that Act who is authorised to act for the purposes of the regulations.
- (4) In the application of this section to Northern Ireland, subsection (3) shall have effect as if—
- (a) the references to sections 19 and 38 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 were references to Articles 21 and 35, respectively, of the <sup>M2</sup>Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978; and
  - (b) the reference to the Health and Safety Executive were a reference to [<sup>F3</sup>the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland].

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- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (2) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 20(1) substituted (1.10.2016) by [Energy Act 2016 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 84(3), **Sch. 1 para. 24(2)**; S.I. 2016/920, reg. 2(a)
- F2** Word in s. 20(2)(a)(ii) substituted (1.10.2016) by [Energy Act 2016 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 84(3), **Sch. 1 para. 24(3)**; S.I. 2016/920, reg. 2(a)
- F3** Words in s. 20(4)(b) substituted (1.4.1999) by [S.R. 1999/150](#), reg. 2, **Sch.**

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1974 c. 37.
- M2** S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9).

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