

# Energy Act 2004

## **2004 CHAPTER 20**

#### PART 2

SUSTAINABILITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

### **CHAPTER 3**

DECOMMISSIONING OF OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS

Supplementary provisions of Chapter 3 of Part 2

## 112 Duty to inform Secretary of State

- (1) A person who becomes responsible for a relevant object must notify the Secretary of State that he has become so responsible.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a person becomes responsible for a relevant object if—
  - (a) he makes a proposal to construct the object in waters regulated under this Chapter;
  - (b) he makes a proposal for the extension or decommissioning in such waters of the object;
  - (c) he makes a proposal to operate or use the object on completion of its construction in such waters;
  - (d) he makes a proposal to operate or use the object on completion in such waters of any extension of it;
  - (e) he becomes a party to a proposal mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d);
  - (f) he begins in such waters to construct, to extend, to operate or use or to decommission the object;
  - (g) he begins to participate in any of the following activities carried on in such waters, the construction, extension, operation or use or decommissioning of the object.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) A person is not required to notify the Secretary of State that he has made a proposal, or become a party to a proposal, at any time before at least one of the statutory consents required for enabling effect to be given to the proposal has been given or applied for.
- (4) A person who notifies the Secretary of State under this section that he has made a proposal, or has become a party to a proposal—
  - (a) must specify in the notification what statutory consents required for giving effect to the proposal have been given, and what applications for such consents have been made; and
  - (b) must notify him subsequently whenever such a consent or application is given or made.
- (5) A notification under this section must be given within such period after the obligation to give the notification arises as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (6) A person who contravenes the requirements of this section is guilty of an offence.
- (7) Regulations under this section are subject to the negative resolution procedure.
- (8) A reference in this section to participation in activities does not include a reference—
  - (a) to participation on behalf of another person; or
  - (b) to participation by acting in pursuance of an agreement to provide a service or services to a person carrying on those activities.
- (9) In this section "statutory consent" has the same meaning as in section 105.