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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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1986 No. 1985

PIPE-LINES

**The Submarine Pipe-lines Safety (Amendment) Regulations 1986**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	19th November 1986
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	24th November 1986
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	18th December 1986

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 26(1), 27(2)(d) and (g) and 32(4) of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consulting such organisations in the United Kingdom as he considered were representative of persons who would be affected thereby, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Submarine Pipe-lines Safety (Amendment) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 18th December 1986.

2. In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Submarine Pipe-lines Safety Regulations 1982(b).

3. In regulation 1(2) of the principal Regulations, after the definition of “the Act” there shall be inserted the following definition—

“ ‘calendar year’ means a year commencing on 1st January;”.

4. In regulation 4(1) of the principal Regulations, for the words “at intervals not exceeding 12 months” there shall be substituted the following words—

“at intervals not exceeding 20 months, provided that there shall be an examination or testing, as the case may be, in every calendar year.”.

5. In regulation 4(10) of the principal Regulations, for the words “or for any section into which it is divided” there shall be substituted the words “or by any section into which the scheme is divided”.

6. At the end of regulation 9 of the principal Regulations, there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(5) Paragraph (4) above shall not apply if the owner of the controlled pipe-line or proposed controlled pipe-line in respect of which the pipe-line works are to be carried out is the owner of all the pipe-lines situated wholly or partly within 5 kilometres of the proposed position of the anchor.”.

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19th November 1986.

(a) 1975 c.74.

(b) S.I. 1982/1513.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Submarine Pipe-lines Safety Regulations 1982 by providing—

- (a) for longer intervals for examination and testing of pipe-lines and apparatus under regulation 4(1); and
- (b) for disapplication of regulation 9(1) (notice to be given to the Secretary of State for Energy about proposed anchoring) where the proposed pipe-line or pipe-line in respect of which the works are to be carried out and all existing controlled pipe-lines within 5 kilometres of the anchor location are in the same ownership.

The Regulations also make a drafting correction to regulation 4(10) of the 1982 Regulations (reports of examinations and testings).