

Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill

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Clause 1

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Clause 1, page 1, line 3, at end insert –

- “(A1) The OGA must not invite any new seaward area production application licences until the Secretary of State has by regulations brought into effect a ban on routine flaring and venting relating to new offshore installations.
- (A2) From two years after the day on which this Act is passed, the OGA must not invite any new seaward area production application licences until the Secretary of State has by regulations brought into effect a ban on routine flaring and venting relating to existing offshore installations.
- (A3) A statutory instrument which contains regulations under subsection (A1) or (A2) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (A4) In subsections (A1) and (A2) –
“flaring” means the burning of hydrocarbons produced during oil and gas extraction;
“venting” means the release of un-combusted hydrocarbons directly into the atmosphere.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment prevents the invitation of new seaward area production licences until the Secretary of State has introduced a ban on flaring and venting by new offshore installations. It also requires the Secretary of State to prevent licensing rounds if a wider ban is not in place within two years of Royal Assent.

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