

DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY
DIRECTIONS IN RESPECT OF EXISTING CROSS-BORDER PETROLEUM LICENCES PARTIALLY WITHIN THE WELSH ONSHORE AREA

The Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 24(3)(a) of the Wales Act 2017¹, gives the following directions:

1. These directions take effect from the coming into force of the Scotland Act 2016, Wales Act 2017 and Onshore Petroleum (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions and Model Clauses) Regulations 2018².
2. These directions apply to Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence Number 147 and Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence Number 184 (“the cross-border licenses”), each of which is an existing licence which was originally granted in respect of an area (“the licence area”) of which part only is within the Welsh onshore area.³
3. The cross-border licences shall have effect as a licence in respect of an area comprising that part of the licence area which is within the Welsh onshore area and a separate licence in respect of an area comprising the rest of the licence area.
4. For the purposes of these directions “existing licence” and “Welsh onshore area” have the same meaning as in section 24(6) of the Wales Act 2017.
5. These directions may be varied or revoked by further direction given under section 24(3)(a) of the Wales Act.

Signed by the Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth

Claire Perry MP

¹ 2017 c. 4.

² The Scotland Act 2016, Wales Act 2017 and Onshore Petroleum (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions and Model Clauses) Regulations 2018 come into force on 1st October 2018.

³ A copy of these directions is being sent to the holders of the cross-border licences, the Welsh Ministers and the Oil and Gas Authority.