STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PETROLEUM, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Petroleum Licensing (Exploration and Production) (Landward Areas) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Made - - - -	*26th October 2016*
Laid before Parliament	*31st October 2016*
Coming into force - -	*15th December 2016*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Petroleum Act 1998(**1**), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Petroleum Licensing (Exploration and Production) (Landward Areas) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 15th December 2016.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales only.

Amendments to model clauses for petroleum exploration and development licences

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Petroleum Licensing (Exploration and Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 2014(**2**) is amended as follows.

(2) After clause 22 (control of development wells), insert—

"**Prohibition on hydraulic fracturing in Protected Areas in England and Wales**

22A.—(1) The Licensee shall not carry out Relevant Hydraulic Fracturing from a Well if the well pad is in a Protected Area in England or Wales.

(2) In this clause—

(a) "Protected Area" means any area which is—

(**1**) 1998 c.17. There are amendments to section 4 which are not relevant to these Regulations.
(**2**) S.I. 2014/1686, amended by S.I. 2016/912.