

Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018

NOTICE OF REVISIONS - VERSION 2.1 OF THE STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACTIVITIES



SEPA is making changes to the *Standard Conditions for radioactive substances activities*. We have summarised the key changes below and indicated the types of radioactive substances activity that are affected. Full details of all changes are included in table 1 of this notice.

As SEPA considers these changes to be of a minor administrative nature, we determined that consultation on the proposed changes was not required in accordance with Regulation 34(2) of the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR).

We expect to publish the revised standard conditions (version 2.1) on our website, along with a copy of this notice, on 19/05/2023. Due to the minor administrative nature of these changes the revisions will take effect the day following publication. Accordingly, your authorisation will be subject to the revised conditions on the date following publication.

You must ensure that you have understood these changes and that you continue to comply with your authorisation. Should you have any queries on this notice or the implications of these changes, please contact the RS Unit mailbox (rs.unit@sepa.org.uk).

Key changes

1. Amendment of the title of Section K

This change only affects offshore authorisations. The title of Section K was established during the run up to EASR coming into effect in September 2018. SEPA's intention was to have approved Standard Conditions suitable for use in the proposed offshore registration whilst awaiting the extension of EASR to the offshore area. However, it was found during the transition of the offshore deemed permits into EASR-style authorisations, that these Standard Conditions are equally applicable to offshore permits as well as registrations. Therefore, the title of Section K needed to be changed to reflect this.

2. Addition of definitions for “installation” and “the Scottish area”

These changes only affect offshore authorisations. The following definitions are added to the Interpretation of Terms section of the Standard Conditions. Further detail on these terms can be found in our *Regulatory position statement on the scope of SEPA's regulation of radioactive substances in the offshore area*, available on SEPA's website.

“installation” the Civil Jurisdiction (Offshore Activities) Order 1987 extends the regulation of radioactive substances in the offshore area only in relation to installations and references the definition of installation appearing in the Continental Shelf Act 1964. These pieces of legislation were amended by the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2021 to apply to EASR. The addition of this definition to the Standard Conditions is needed to ensure alignment with this legislation.

“the Scottish area” offshore authorisations for fixed installations (e.g. platforms) use this term in the description of the authorised place. This is the same definition that existed in the offshore certificates issued under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993. The addition of this definition to the Standard Conditions is needed to ensure continued alignment with the Civil Jurisdiction (Offshore Activities) Order 1987.

Table 1 Details of the changes

Standard condition	Previous text – version 2.0	New text – version 2.1 (text in bold is added)	Reason for change
Title of Section K	CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFSHORE INSTALLATION REGISTRATIONS	CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO OFFSHORE INSTALLATION PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS	Section K is applicable to both offshore registrations and permits
Additions to the Interpretation of Terms			
Installation	N/A	“installation” has the same meaning as in the Continental Shelf Act 1964;	EASR can only apply to “installations” in the offshore area.
The Scottish area	N/A	“the Scottish area” has the same meaning as in the Civil Jurisdiction (Offshore Activities) Order 1987;	The “Scottish area” is used in the description of the authorised place in all fixed offshore installation authorisations.

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