STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1573

STATISTICS OF TRADE

The Census of Production (1979) (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order 1978

Made - - - -	26*th October* 1978
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Coming into Operation	31*st December* 1978

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 2 and 11 of the Statistics of Trade Act 1947**(a)** (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in him**(b)** and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Census of Production (1979) (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 31st December 1978.

(2) "the Standard Industrial Classification" means the edition thereof published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office in 1968, as amended by Amendment List No. 1 so published in 1977 together with the alphabetical list of industries so published in 1968 as amended by Amendment Lists Nos. 1 and 2 so published in 1970 and 1977 respectively.

Matters to which returns may relate

2. The matters about which a person carrying on a undertaking may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of the Census of Production being taken under the Act by the Secretary of State in 1979 shall be all the matters set out in the Schedule to the Act, as amended**(c)**.

Exempted Persons

3. Any person carrying on an undertaking in the exploration for and extraction of petroleum on land and offshore (being activities falling within minimum list heading 104 (as amended) of Order II of the Standard Industrial Classification) shall be exempted from the obligation to furnish returns for the purposes of the said Census.

Eric Varley,
Department of Industry

26th October 1978.

(a) 1947 c. 39. (b) S.I. 1970/1537. (c) S.I. 1963/1329.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order (i) prescribes the matters about which a person carrying on an undertaking may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of the Census of Production being taken in 1979; and (ii) exempts from the obligation to furnish such returns any person carrying on an undertaking in the exploration for and extraction of petroleum on land and offshore, being activities set forth in minimum list heading 104 of Order II of the Standard Industrial Classification, which is in the following terms:—

"Exploration for and extraction of petroleum on land and offshore; 'petroleum' in this context includes mineral oil, natural gas and natural gas condensates. The Heading includes the activities of holders of petroleum exploration and production licences. Also included are the activities of the licensees' contractors and agents providing services unique to this industry and not allocable to any other Heading in the classification, e.g. well drilling, seismic surveying specifically for petroleum deposits and offshore pipelaying. (The provision of other services, e.g. manufacturing, repairing, catering, transport, procurement or hiring should be included in the appropriate Headings elsewhere in the classification.)

Mining and retorting of oil shale are included under this heading. Also included is the operation of land terminals for stabilisation, separation and storage, and of offshore or land pipelines between well-head and terminal. Other land pipelines are classified to Heading 262 if feeding a refinery, Heading 601 if part of the distribution of gas or Heading 811 if part of the distribution of fuel."

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