

Safety of offshore oil and gas operations

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The Commission presented a report on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Directive 2013/30/EU on safety of offshore oil and gas operations.

Directive 2013/30/EU seeks to achieve a high safety level for carrying out these operations.

The Directive empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts in view of adapting Annexes I, II, VI and VII to include additional information which may become necessary in light of technical progress.

The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 18 July 2013. The delegation of power shall be automatically extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension.

Given the fact that the Offshore Safety Directive became applicable from 19 July 2013, that Member States had to implement the Directive by 19 July 2015, and that there are transitional periods postponing the Directive's application for certain installations until 19 July 2018, **the Commission has not yet considered it necessary or appropriate to adapt its Annexes I, II, VI or VII** to technical progress.

However, the Commission considers it necessary to **extend the empowerment** in view of the dynamic technical developments in the offshore sector, and of the limited time yet passed to gain practical experience regarding the application of the annexes.