

*These notes refer to the Energy Act 2013 (c.32)
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ENERGY ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3: Nuclear Regulation

Chapter 4: Functions of the ONR

Functions of ONR: general

Section 80: Procedure for issue, revision or withdrawal of codes of practice.

397. This section makes provision for a code of practice issued or revised by the ONR to be subject to a parliamentary process, akin to the negative procedure (see *subsection (8)*). The ONR will submit a draft code of practice, or a draft amendment to an existing code of practice, to the Secretary of State who may approve the draft code or amendment, with or without modification (see *subsection (6)*). Any modifications will require the consent of the ONR before they can be approved. Once approved, the Secretary of State will be required to lay the draft code or amendment before both Houses of Parliament for 40 days. If no resolution is made to oppose the code during that period, the ONR will be able to issue the code or (where what was submitted was an amendment to an existing code) revise the existing code together with a notice saying that the code has been revised. To withdraw a code, the ONR must seek approval from the Secretary of State (see *subsection (11)*) and publish a notice saying that the code has been withdrawn (see *subsection (12)(c)*).