

## **SUBMISSION FROM OIL AND GAS UK (OGUK)**

OGUK is the leading representative organisation for the UK offshore oil and gas industry. Our membership includes around 400 organisations with an interest in the UK's upstream oil and gas sector. As the champions of industry, we work on behalf of the sector and our members to inform understanding with facts and evidence, engage on a range of key issues and support the broader value of this industry in a changing energy landscape.

From exploration through to decommissioning and located across the length and breadth of the UK, our members are critical to safely provide security of energy supply, support hundreds of thousands of jobs and contribute billions of pounds to the economy. Both our onshore, and offshore, workforce is drawn from throughout the UK with many commuting between Scotland and England on a weekly basis. We are responding to this consultation, in broad terms, on the potential operation of a UK internal market post Brexit.

Our industry position during the Brexit referendum, and the following discussions, was that we would prefer an outcome which meant that there was frictionless access, this also applies in this instance. Divergence for our members would not be conducive to business where we are frequently moving people, goods and services throughout the UK.

Our supply chain, and members, are varied, ranging from the operators to the SME's who operate throughout the UK however our priorities, and challenges for businesses, regardless of where they operate is firstly a stable financial and regulatory regime. Dealing with the unknowns of Brexit currently mean that anything else which adds regulatory, or policy burdens, at this time would not be helpful to maintaining business.

This should also be applicable to the broad legal consistency and alignment across the countries in key areas such as employment, company law and future environmental and energy requirements.

We would be more than happy to engage in a more meaningful way, drilling down into the expertise of our members to aid these discussions at a later date when the position and potential position of the Scottish Government becomes clearer.