

The Danish Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate has issued a new version of the Danish Subsoil Act (“*Undergrundsloven*”), which consolidates the changes to the Act since the most recent consolidation in 2011.

The most recent changes of the Subsoil Act took place in 2016 when the rules on environmental impact assessments were revised. In 2015 the Act was also amended to implement the EU Offshore Safety Directive and provisions were inserted for subsidiary liability for removal costs, decommissioning plans, security and insurance, preparedness etc.

Oddly enough, the Danish Energy Agency, which is the Danish authority within oil and gas, has not yet issued any translation into English of the consolidated Act, and on their website only a reference to the now obsolete 2011 Act is available in English. You may find the Act on the Agency’s website [here](#), and from the same link you can scroll to see some of the subsequent changes (but not all). The new Act can be read in Danish [here](#).

Noteworthy, though is that in 2018 the Danish Energy Agency issued several new guidelines concerning financial and technical capacities of license holders and operators, and the contents of decommissioning plans, and these are indeed available in unofficial English translations. You can see those guidelines here:

[Guidelines on security and insurances](#)

[Guidelines on technical capacity](#)

[Guidelines on decommissioning plans](#)

WSCO law firm has over many years continuously tracked the development in Danish oil and gas legislation, standards and guidelines, and on the news section on our website, [WSCO - news](#), any interested party can acquaint itself with the changes over the years since 2011 and up to today.

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