

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

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New Delhi, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

G.S.R. (E) \_\_\_\_\_ In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5 and 6 of the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 (53 of 1948), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, namely:—

1 . (i) These rules may be called the Petroleum and Natural Gas (Amendment) Rules, 2018.

(ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. In the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, in Rule 3, for clause (k) the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

(k) "Petroleum means naturally occurring hydrocarbons, whether in the form of natural gas or in a liquid, viscous or solid form, or a mixture thereof, however, will not include Helium occurring in association with petroleum or coal or shale".