

Nature of directive 2013/30/EU

Problem part	General objectives	Specific objectives
1. Risks can be lowered (i.e. too high to accept)	1. To prevent a major incident from occurring	<i>1. Attain best industry practices in the EU based on primary duty of control of major accident risks; leverage global standards</i>
		<i>2. Implement best regulatory practices for major accident prevention and mitigation by independent expert regulators in each Member State</i>
2. Response measures need improvement	2. To deal with a major emergency should preventive measures fail	<i>3. Implement fully joined-up emergency preparedness and response in all EU offshore regions</i>
3. Liability provisions incomplete		<i>4. Improve and clarify existing EU liability and compensation provisions</i>

The objectives of the EU-Directive are to prevent a major accident from occurring, and to minimise the consequences. In terms of the measures:

- The main focus is on the licensee/operator yet with significant responsibility on the drilling rig owner
- The regulator will draw together safety and environmental protection into a single independent authority dedicated to preventing major accidents
- The relationship between the operator and the regulator will be defined by a formal risk assessment – what in the countries around the North Sea is called a Safety Case. This is currently best global practice
- Extensive cooperation is required between industry, Member States and the European Commission, with standard EU-wide incident reporting and requirements for EU-based operators to follow EU-level standards overseas

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- Advises Commission
- Identifies and exchanges best practices for industry
- Disseminates lessons
- Identification and exchange of best practices for competent authorities
- Comment on new legislation and international proposals for oil and gas industry



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