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The Measuring Devices (Noise Act 1996) (Wales) Approval 2007

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Office of Science and Innovation

3. Originating Department

Welsh Assembly Government

4. Notification Number

2006/645/UK - I10

5. Title

The Measuring Devices (Noise Act 1996) (Wales) Approval 2007

6. Products Concerned

Sound level meters and sound calibrators

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft gives the National Assembly for Wales' approval for the types of device and the conditions of their use for the measurement of noise for the purposes of the Noise Act 1996; the calibrators with which these devices are to be calibrated; and how the measuring device and calibrator are to be verified. The draft Approval refers to a number of BS and BS EN in order to do this. An NPL Interim Document for the Periodic Testing of IEC 61672 Sound Level Meters is referred to in paragraph 4(3)(b) of the draft Approval. This is because BS EN 61672-3 is not available yet. When it is we intend to amend the Approval so that BS EN 61672-3 is referred to. This will mean that Class 1 of BS EN 61672-1 measuring devices and calibrators used with such devices will be verified in accordance with BS EN 61672-3. We wish to notify the Commission now of our intention to refer to BS EN 61672-3 when it is available, rather than have to notify the Commission again when this happens. Most local authorities (the regulators) use Type 1 of BS EN 60804 measuring devices, but the new Class 1 of BS EN 61672 devices are starting to be used.)

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Section 5 of the Noise Act 1996 (http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1996/1996037.htm) gives the National Assembly for Wales the power to make Directions on the maximum permitted level of noise between 11pm and 7am for noise from dwellings and licensed premises (premises in respect of which a premises licence or a temporary event notice has effect under the Licensing Act 2003) for the purposes of a Noise Act 1996 offence. Section 6 of the Noise Act 1996 gives the National Assembly for Wales the power to make an Approval of the devices to be used to measure the noise and the conditions of their use.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) NPL Interim Document for the Periodic Testing of IEC 61672 Sound Level Meters (Edition 2) (attached but also available on http://www.npl.co.uk/acoustics/techguides/slms/)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

No impact assessment is available.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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