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**Draft Order regulating State metrological control of Class 2, direct connection, electrical induction meters, either single or multiple rate, designed to measure active electrical energy using a monophasic or polyphase current with a frequency of 50 Hz, at inspection stages following repair or modification and periodic inspection.**

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### 4. Notification Number

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### 5. Title

Draft Order regulating State metrological control of Class 2, direct connection, electrical induction meters, either single or multiple rate, designed to measure active electrical energy using a monophase or polyphase current with a frequency of 50 Hz, at inspection stages following repair or modification and periodic inspection.

### 6. Products Concerned

Class 2, direct connection, electrical induction meters, either single or multiple rate, designed to measure live electrical energy using a monophase or polyphase current with a frequency of 50 Hz.



## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

1 The aim of the draft technical regulation is to regulate the market control stages corresponding to inspections following repair or modification and periodic inspection.

2 The mutual recognition clause is not applicable given that the product has been marketed and placed on the market.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Metrology Act No 3 of 18 March 1985 stipulates that State metrological control of measuring instruments shall consist of four stages. The first two stages, prior to the placing on the market of the instrument, are regulated by Royal Decree No 875 of 28 March 1984. It is, however, necessary to regulate the two remaining stages that are regulated by means of this technical regulation.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Metrology Act No 3 of 18 March 1985. Spanish Official Gazette of 19 March 1985, <http://www.boe.es>.  
Royal Decree No 1616 of 11 September 1985. Spanish Official Gazette of 12 September 1985.  
Royal Legislative Decree No 1296 of 28 June 1986. Spanish Official Gazette of 29 June.  
Royal Decree No 597 of 10 June 1988. Spanish Official Gazette of 14 June  
(these texts were sent with Notification No 96/0065/E)

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

Spanish consumers' and users' organisations and the National Energy Commission have noted irregularities in the measurement of electricity meters for domestic use, partly attributable to the absence of a regulation on their periodic inspection, and have asked the public authorities for urgent action to verify said irregularities. The inspections carried out have, in numerous cases, confirmed the said irregularities, and the corresponding reports have been submitted to the competent legal bodies in case these could constitute an offence. All this has led to social concern, which has been reflected in the media. Similarly, confirming the said irregularities would give rise to significant economic repercussions for domestic users, which the consumer organisations estimate at 120 million euro. For all these reasons the draft Order must be published urgently.

## 13. Confidentiality

No.

## 14. Fiscal measures

No.



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