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The Measuring Instruments (Active Electrical Energy Meters) Regulations 2006

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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: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Department of Trade and Industry, Energy Group

4. Notification Number

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5. Title



The Measuring Instruments (Active Electrical Energy Meters) Regulations 2006

6. Products Concerned

Active electrical energy meters i.e. devices which measure the active electrical energy consumed in a circuit.

7. Notification Under Another Act

(If also notification under another Community Act, specify number/title of Directive.)

8. Main Content

The draft Regulations implement the Measuring Instruments Directive (2004/22/EC), in relation to active electrical energy meters and impose requirements of the Directive for meters when placed onto the market and put into use for the first time. This includes; compliance with essential requirements, conformity assessment procedures, designation of notified bodies, marking and identification requirements, enforcement including powers of enforcement authorities, offences and penalties and adaptations for Northern Ireland.

In addition, the draft Regulations provide in-service provisions for regulation of meters, conforming to the Directive, when in use in UK. See regulations 28 and 29 of the draft Regulations. This is achieved by applying the maximum permissible errors, within the Directive, to active electrical energy meters when operating in-service-. This ensures that only meters continuing to comply with requirements of the Directive are permitted to remain in-service and hence consumer protection is maintained. This approach to in-service control is achieved by applying provisions similar to those already existing in domestic legislation (the Electricity Act 1989 and the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 establish out the existing regime for control of in-service meters).

Key words: Electricity; Meter; Testing.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these Regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

To bring meters approved under the provisions set by the Directive within the existing domestic framework for control of in-service meters subject to pre Directive procedures and to adopt in the domestic in-service framework the margins of error prescribed by the Directive. The Directive only places requirements for measuring instruments for placing on the market and putting into use for the first time. The additional national provisions provide for furtherance of consumer protection for meters in service that were originally subject to conformance procedures under the Directive. The intent of these national provisions will ensure:

- o appropriate metrological performance standards are in place for meters once in use – instruments failing to maintain required standards will no longer be permitted for use of trade;
- o the standards used under the Directive are maintained for meters when subject to repair; and
- o consumers, using meters, subject to conformity assessment procedures under the Directive, are entitled to have instruments examined by a “meter examiner” to determine whether performance standards are met when accuracy is disputed.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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- a) Electricity Act 1989, Schedule 6;



Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, Schedule 7;
Meters (Certification) Regulations 1998, regulation 10;
Meters (Approval of Pattern or Construction and Manner of Installation) Regulations 1998, regulation 3;
Meters (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998, regulation 10;
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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached.

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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