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Great Britain Smart Metering Implementation Programme: Notification of extension to the Smart Metering Electricity and Gas Supply Licence Condition Enrolment Mandate.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Electricity Smart Metering Supply Licence Condition
Gas Smart Metering Supply Licence Condition

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The UK Government has introduced requirements ("roll-out licence conditions") on electricity and gas suppliers to install smart meters and communications hubs in their domestic and smaller non-domestic customers' premises, with a limited number of exceptions, by the end of 2020. Installed smart meters must meet the minimum functional requirements defined in the Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS), and communications hubs (which will be provided by a central Data and Communications Company (DCC)) as defined in the Communications Hub Technical Specifications (CHTS).

The following smart metering requirements have previously been notified to the European Commission:

- SMETS version 1 and the rollout licence conditions (2012/215/UK) – in legal force;
- SMETS version 2 (2013/0046/UK) – in legal force;
- 'No backward step' amendments to the rollout licence conditions (2013/596/UK) – in legal force;
- SMETS version 2 Part 2, including revised rollout licence conditions, GBCS, CHTS, CPA Security Characteristics and interoperability requirements (2014/0378/UK) – in legal force;
- SMETS Enrolment Mandate (Supply Licence Condition) (2016/0133/UK) – in legal force;
- SMETS for Data Communications Company (DCC) System Release 2. 2017/0350/UK.

This notification relates to an extension to the supply licence conditions, requiring that SMETS version 2 be installed at non-domestic premises and enrolled in the DCC system (the non-domestic Enrolment Mandate'). The Enrolment mandate for domestic premises was notified to the Commission in March 2016 (2016/0133/UK) and is now in force. This amendment will bring the non-domestic sector in line with their domestic counterparts. The amendments to the Supply Licence Conditions for Electricity and Gas to implement this decision have already been consulted on and are now in final draft format.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 9 of Directive 2015/1535/EU when the draft modifications to the relevant licence conditions are laid before Parliament.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In 2011, the UK Government introduced a policy - the DCC Opt Out policy, which permitted UK non-domestic energy suppliers the choice of using communication services other than those provided by the DCC (the Data and Communications Company), to manage the data and communications network and connect smart meter data to energy suppliers. In addition to this, the Government announced that it would remove this policy in the event that issues arose.

Following more recent evidence on the functioning of the market for business consumers in scope of the rollout, as well as consultations, stakeholder feedback and extensive stakeholder engagement, and on the basis that

- no alternative company had come forward with the provision of a similar service to the DCC
- if any had, consumers would not be assured access to interoperable smart meters,

in August 2017, the Government reached a decision to remove the DCC opt-out policy and introduce the non-domestic Enrolment Mandate, primarily to ensure that non-domestic consumers, like domestic consumers, will benefit from interoperable smart meters.

Interoperability is a core requirement for the roll-out of smart meters in Great Britain. The effective operation of a competitive retail market for electricity and gas is dependent on customers being easily able to switch energy supplier without having to exchange metering equipment. With interoperable meters, consumers can also continue to access their historical energy consumption data, which they can use to save energy or negotiate better tariff deals. Interoperability between the smart meters, the communications hub and the DCC's systems is provided for by the Great Britain Companion Specification (GBCS) which ensures DCC Users (energy suppliers, Network Operators, Energy Service Companies, etc.) can interact with the full range of smart meter functionality in a consistent manner.

The UK Government's aim is for every home and smaller business in Great Britain to be offered a smart meter before the end of 2020. The roll-out of smart metering systems will play an important role in Britain's transition to a low-carbon economy and help us meet some of the long-term challenges we face in ensuring an affordable, secure and sustainable energy supply. It is also consistent with the European Directives 2009/72/EC and 2009/73/EC, the "energy third package" and the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU).

The non-domestic smart meter roll-out covers around two million sites, the majority of which are microbusinesses and SMEs. Smart meters can play an important part in removing the barriers to microbusiness and SME engagement in the non-domestic energy market. The expected Programme net benefits are £5.7 billion for the period to 2030.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Explanatory document to support the notification of proposed amendments to the Great Britain Smart Metering Regulations requiring enrolment in the DCC.

Notification of amendment to Smart Metering Electricity and Gas Supply Licence Condition Enrolment Mandate

Smart Metering Implementation Programme: Government response to the April 2016 further consultation on the DCC opt out

Basic Texts have been forwarded within the framework of a previous notification: 2016/0133/UK

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

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

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