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## The Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations

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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: Engineering Inspectorate (Energy Group)

#### **4. Notification Number**

2001/442/UK – N00E



## **5. Title**

The Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations

## **6. Products Concerned**

Electrical installations, electrical appliances may be affected

## **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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## **8. Main Content**

The proposed Regulations specify safety standards which are aimed at protecting the general public and consumers from dangers associated with the equipment of electricity companies. In addition, the Regulations specify power quality and supply continuity standards to ensure an efficient and economical electricity supply service for consumers. Duty holders will include licensed and non-licensed generators, distributors, suppliers and meter operators, as well as their respective agents and contractors. The plant, equipment and networks falling within the scope of the requirements will include those used in private networks as well as those used for supplies to the general public.

Recognition of equivalent standards and testing in notified draft. See regulation 1(2).

## **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

With the break up of the electricity supply industry since privatisation and separation of businesses under the Utilities Act 2000 into distribution and supply undertakings, the existing Regulations - The Electricity Supply Regulations 1988 (as amended) - are becoming decreasingly relevant and need to be revised to ensure ongoing protection of the public and continuity of supply in all circumstances. The proposed Regulations will replace the Electricity Supply Regulations 1988, and in doing so clarify responsibilities of new duty holders. The proposed Regulations will also improve safety standards and discontinue requirements which are no longer relevant.

## **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

The Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002 (revised draft for informal consultation dated 16 October 2001)

Document entitled Computerisation of the Notification of Certain Specified Events under Regulation 31 and subtitled Specification of the Data Files, dated 19 October 2001

Full Regulatory Impact Assessment for proposed electricity Regulations, dated 19 October 2001

Copy of BS 7671:2001 Requirements for Electrical Installations (IEE Wiring Regulations Sixteenth Edition) [Not available electronically. Sent by post]

## **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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