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F¹ SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 7

USE ETC. OF ELECTRICITY METERS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Sch. 7 modified (1.11.1995) by S.I. 1995/2607, **reg. 3(1)**
- C1 Sch. 7 modified (30.10.2006) by The Measuring Instruments (Active Electrical Energy Meters) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1679), regs. 1(3), **28(1)-(4)**
- C1 Sch. 7 modified (1.4.2009) by Energy Act 2008 (c. 32), s. **95(2)(5)**, 110(2); S.I. 2009/45, art. 3(b)(ii)
- C1 Sch. 7 applied (with modifications) (28.12.2016) by The Measuring Instruments Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1153), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 6(1)-(4)** (with regs. 3(4), 5, 67(5))

Consumption to be ascertained by appropriate meter

- 1 (1) Where a customer of an [F¹authorised supplier] is to be charged for his supply wholly or partly by reference to the quantity of electricity supplied, the supply shall be given through, and the quantity of electricity shall be ascertained by, an appropriate meter.
- [F²(1A) An authorised supplier may give a supply otherwise than through an appropriate meter in such circumstances as may be prescribed.]
- [F³(2) If the [F¹authorised supplier] agrees, the meter may be provided by the customer [F⁴(who may provide a meter which belongs to him or is made available otherwise than in pursuance of arrangements made by the supplier)]; but otherwise it shall be provided by the [F¹authorised supplier][F⁵(who may provide a meter which belongs to him or to any person other than the customer)].
- (2A) [F⁶An authorised supplier] may refuse to allow one of his customers to provide a meter only if there are reasonable grounds for his refusal.]
- (3) The meter shall be installed on the customer's premises in a position determined by the [F¹authorised supplier], unless in all the circumstances it is more reasonable to place it outside those premises or in some other position.
- (4) The [F¹authorised supplier] may require the replacement of any meter provided and installed in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above where its replacement—
- (a) is necessary to secure compliance with this Schedule or any regulations made under it; or
 - (b) is otherwise reasonable in all the circumstances;
- and any replacement meter shall be provided and installed in accordance with those sub-paragraphs.

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- (5) If the customer refuses or fails to take his supply through an appropriate meter provided and installed in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above, the supplier may refuse to give or may discontinue the supply.
- (6) For the purposes of this paragraph a meter is an appropriate meter for use in connection with any particular supply if it is of a pattern or construction which, having regard to the terms on which the supply is to be charged for, is particularly suitable for such use.
- [^{F7}(7) In relation to a dispute arising under this paragraph between an electricity supplier and a customer, section 23 of this Act applies with the substitution, for references to the Authority (and references treated as references to the Authority) of references to the Secretary of State.]
- (8) Pending the determination under section 23 of this Act [^{F8}(as modified by sub-paragraph (7))] of any dispute arising under this paragraph, the meter and its provision and installation shall be such as the Director may direct; and directions under this sub-paragraph may apply either in cases of particular descriptions or in particular cases.
- (9) Part I of this Act shall apply as if any duty or other requirement imposed on [^{F9}an electricity supplier] by directions under sub-paragraph (8) above were imposed by directions under section 23 of this Act [^{F10}(as modified by sub-paragraph (7))].
- (10) In this Schedule “exempt supply” means a supply of electricity to any premises where—
- (a) the premises are not premises used wholly or mainly for domestic purposes; or
 - (b) the [^{F1}authorised supplier] or the customer is a person authorised by an exemption to supply electricity to those premises.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 7 paras. 1(1)-(4)(10)(b) substituted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 52, **Sch. 5 para. 2(1)**; S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)
- F2** Sch. 7 para. 1(1A) inserted (16.5.2001 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 52, **Sch. 5 para. 3(2)**; S.I. 2001/1781, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-10); S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)
- F3** Sch. 7 para. 1(2)(2A) substituted (1.7.1992) for para. 1(2) by **Competition and Service (Utilities) Act 1992 (c. 43), s. 56(6), Sch. 1 para. 16**; Commencement Order No. 1 made on 29.5.1992, art. 3, Sch. Pt. I
- F4** Words in Sch. 7 para. 1(2) inserted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 52, **Sch. 5 para. 3(3)(a)**; S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)
- F5** Words in Sch. 7 para. 1(2) substituted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 52, **Sch. 5 para. 3(3)(b)**; S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)
- F6** Words in Sch. 7 para. 1(2A) substituted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 52, **Sch. 5 para. 3(4)**; S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)
- F7** Sch. 7 para. 1(7) substituted (1.4.2009) by **Energy Act 2008 (c. 32), ss. 96(3)(a), 110(2)**; S.I. 2009/45, art. 3(b)(ii)
- F8** Words in Sch. 7 para. 1(8) inserted (1.4.2009) by **Energy Act 2008 (c. 32), ss. 96(3)(b), 110(2)**; S.I. 2009/45, art. 3(b)(ii)
- F9** Words in Sch. 7 para. 1(7)(9) substituted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 52, **Sch. 5 para. 3(5)**; S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)

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F10 Words in Sch. 7 para. 1(9) inserted (1.4.2009) by [Energy Act 2008 \(c. 32\), ss. 96\(3\)\(b\), 110\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2009/45, art. 3\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(1)(f) and word inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 4(1)(ca) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 166\(2\)](#)
- s. 4(1)(da) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 4(3H)(3I) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(4\)](#)
- s. 4(3CA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(3\)](#)
- s. 4(3EA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(5\)](#)
- s. 6(1)(g) and word inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(1)(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(8\)](#)
- s. 6(2AA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(9\)](#)
- s. 6(6E) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(10\)](#)
- s. 7(3GA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(17\)](#)
- s. 7A(11B) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(18\)](#)
- s. 8A(1C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 206\(6\)](#)
- s. 10NA inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 207\(2\)](#)
- s. 11E(2)(d) and word inserted by [2013 c. 32 s. 138\(5\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 15(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 3(2)(b) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 19](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 25(8A) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 44A inserted by [1992 c. 43 s. 23](#)
- s. 44A(6)(b)(i) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52](#)
- s. 44B(1)(a)(iiia) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 17 para. 8](#)
- s. 56C(6)(d) and word inserted by [2013 c. 32 s. 138\(5\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 6A para. 9ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 8](#)