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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 18

HEAT NETWORKS REGULATION

PART 13

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Consultation and cooperation

- 69 The regulations may—
- (a) make provision about consultation and cooperation with such persons or descriptions of person as are specified in the regulations;
 - (b) make provision as to the purposes of such cooperation.

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 18 para. 69 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

- 70 The regulations may require the Regulator to assist a public authority that carries out, in relation to Wales or Scotland, functions as regards limiting targeted greenhouse gases in relation to heat networks (including by providing information).

Commencement Information

- I2** Sch. 18 para. 70 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

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- I1** Sch. 18 para. 69 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)
I2 Sch. 18 para. 70 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

Objectives of the Secretary of State and the Department

- 71 (1) The regulations may make provision about the objectives of the Secretary of State and the Department in carrying out functions under the regulations.
- (2) Regulations made by virtue of [sub-paragraph \(1\)](#) may, in particular, provide that the principal objective of the Secretary of State or the Department is to protect the interests of existing and future heat network consumers.
- (3) The regulations may specify particular interests of existing and future heat network consumers that are to be protected.

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I3 Sch. 18 para. 71 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

Offences

- 72 (1) The regulations may provide for the creation of offences.
- (2) The regulations may deal with matters relating to such offences, including the provision of defences and evidentiary matters.

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I4 Sch. 18 para. 72 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

- 73 (1) The regulations may provide for an offence created by virtue of regulations made under [paragraph 72](#) to be triable—
- (a) only summarily, or
 - (b) either summarily or on indictment.
- (2) The regulations must provide for such an offence to be punishable on indictment with a fine.
- (3) The regulations must provide for such an offence to be punishable on summary conviction in England and Wales with a fine.
- (4) The regulations must provide for such an offence to be punishable on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland with a fine not exceeding an amount specified in the regulations.

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. 18 para. 73 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

Commencement Information

I4 Sch. 18 para. 72 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

I5 Sch. 18 para. 73 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

Crown application

- 74 (1) The regulations may make provision about application to the Crown.
- (2) The regulations may also, to the extent that they bind the Crown, restrict or modify the application of the regulations.
- (3) Regulations made by virtue of [sub-paragraph \(2\)](#) may, in particular, provide that a power exercisable in relation to land in which there is a Crown or Duchy interest is subject to a requirement to obtain consent from a person specified in the regulations.
- (4) In [this paragraph](#), “Crown or Duchy interest” means—

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- (a) an interest belonging to His Majesty in right of the Crown or the Duchy of Lancaster, or to the Duchy of Cornwall;
 - (b) an interest which belongs to a government department or which is held in trust for His Majesty for the purposes of a government department;
 - (c) an interest which belongs to an office-holder in the Scottish Administration or which is held in trust for His Majesty for the purposes of the Scottish Administration by such an office-holder.
- (5) This includes, in particular—
- (a) an interest which belongs to His Majesty in right of His Majesty's Government in Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) an interest which belongs to a Northern Ireland department or which is held in trust for His Majesty for the purposes of a Northern Ireland department.
- (6) A reference in this paragraph to an office-holder in the Scottish Administration is to be construed in accordance with section 126(7) of the Scotland Act 1998.

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16 Sch. 18 para. 74 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(1\)](#)

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