



# Energy Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 52

### PART 8

#### HEAT NETWORKS

#### CHAPTER 2

#### HEAT NETWORK ZONES

*Identification, designation and review of zones*

#### **229 Identification, designation and review of zones**

- (1) Zones regulations may make provision for, or in connection with—
  - (a) the identification by the Authority and zone coordinators of areas which are appropriate for the construction and operation of one or more district heat networks,
  - (b) the designation of those areas as heat network zones by zone coordinators or the Authority, and
  - (c) the review by zone coordinators, or the Authority, of the designation of areas as heat network zones.
- (2) Regulations made by virtue of [subsection \(1\)\(a\)](#) must require the identification of areas to be carried out in accordance with the zoning methodology established under [section 230](#).
- (3) Regulations made by virtue of [subsection \(1\)\(b\)](#) may—
  - (a) make provision about the variation or revocation of designations by zone coordinators or the Authority;
  - (b) make provision about procedure;
  - (c) make provision about the publication of designations (and the variation or revocation of designations);

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- (d) require zone coordinators to notify the Authority of designations (and the variation or revocation of designations);
  - (e) make provision for, or in connection with, the maintenance by the Authority of a register of areas designated as heat network zones.
- (4) Regulations made by virtue of [subsection \(3\)\(a\)](#) may, in particular—
- (a) specify the circumstances in which a zone coordinator or the Authority may vary or revoke a designation;
  - (b) specify the factors a zone coordinator or the Authority may or must take into consideration in determining whether to vary or revoke a designation;
  - (c) impose on zone coordinators or the Authority requirements as to consultation.
- (5) Regulations made by virtue of [subsection \(1\)\(c\)](#) may—
- (a) make provision about the circumstances in which reviews must be carried out and the frequency of reviews;
  - (b) set out the criteria against which the designation of areas as heat network zones is to be reviewed;
  - (c) impose on zone coordinators or the Authority requirements as to consultation;
  - (d) make provision requiring reports of reviews to be published.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 229 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(l\)](#)

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