



Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021

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PART 1

HEAT NETWORKS LICENCES

Introductory

1 Meaning of “heat network”

- (1) In this Act, a “heat network” means—
 - (a) a district heat network, or
 - (b) a communal heating system.
- (2) A district heat network is a network by which thermal energy is distributed from one or more sources of production to more than one building.
- (3) A communal heating system is a system by which thermal energy is distributed from one or more sources of production to one building comprising more than one building unit.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) or (3), where the main purpose of a source of production is to provide thermal energy to a district heat network or (as the case may be) a communal heating system, the source of production forms part of the district heat network or (as the case may be) the communal heating system.
- (5) In this Act, “thermal energy” means heating, cooling or hot water.
- (6) In subsection (3), “building unit” means part of a building that is designed or altered to be used separately.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
 - (a) modify the meaning in this section of “heat network”, “district heat network”, “communal heating system” or “thermal energy”,
 - (b) further define the meaning of any of those terms.