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## F<sup>1</sup> 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))

#### *Restrictions on use of meters*

- 2 (1) No meter shall be used for ascertaining the quantity of electricity supplied by an [F<sup>1</sup>authorised supplier] to a customer unless the meter—
- (a) is of an approved pattern or construction and is installed in an approved manner; and
  - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, is certified under paragraph 5 below; and in this Schedule “approved” means approved by or under regulations made under this paragraph.
- (2) Paragraph (b) of sub-paragraph (1) above shall not apply to a meter used in connection with an exempt supply if the [F<sup>1</sup>authorised supplier] and the customer have agreed in writing to dispense with the requirements of that paragraph.
- (3) Regulations under this paragraph may provide—
- (a) for determining the fees to be paid for approvals given by or under the regulations;
  - (b) for revoking an approval so given to any particular pattern or construction of meter and requiring meters of that pattern or construction which have been installed to be replaced with meters of an approved pattern or construction within a prescribed period;
  - (c) for revoking an approval so given to any particular manner of installation and requiring meters which have been installed in that manner to be installed in an approved manner within such a period;
- and may make different provision for meters of different descriptions or for meters used or intended to be used for different purposes.

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#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in Sch. 7 para. 2(1)(2) 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)

- 3 (1) If an [<sup>F2</sup>authorised supplier] supplies electricity through a meter which is used for ascertaining the quantity of electricity supplied and—
- (a) is not of an approved pattern or construction or is not installed in an approved manner; or
  - (b) in the case of a meter to which paragraph 2(1)(b) above applies, is not certified under paragraph 5 below,
- he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

[<sup>F3</sup>(1A) Regulations under paragraph 1(1A) may provide for this paragraph not to apply in such circumstances as may be prescribed (being circumstances in which an authorised supplier is not required to supply electricity through an appropriate meter).]

- (2) Where the commission by any person of an offence under this paragraph is due to the act or default of some other person, that other person shall be guilty of the offence; and a person may be charged with and convicted of the offence by virtue of this subparagraph whether or not proceedings are taken against the first-mentioned person.
- (3) In any proceedings in respect of an offence under this paragraph it shall be a defence for the person charged to prove that he took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence.
- (4) No proceedings shall be instituted in England and Wales in respect of an offence under this paragraph except by or on behalf of the Director.

#### Textual Amendments

**F2** Words in Sch. 7 para. 3(1) 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)

**F3** Sch. 7 para. 3(1A) inserted (16.5.2001 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 52, **Sch. 5 para. 4**; 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)

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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. 44B(1)(vi) and word inserted by S.I. [2024/706 reg. 3\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- 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](#)
- Sch. 6A para. 4A and cross-heading inserted by S.I. [2024/706 reg. 3\(14\)\(b\)](#)