
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, consolidate the four sets of regulations which have previously declared fuels to be authorised fuels for the purposes of Part III of the Clean Air Act 1993. The authorised fuels are anthracite, semi - anthracite, electricity, gas, low volatile steam coals and those described in Schedule 1.

Eight additional fuels are also now authorised:

- (a) Big K Instant Lighting Fire Logs (paragraph 4);
- (b) Briteheat briquettes (paragraph 9);
- (c) Ecoal briquettes (paragraph 18);
- (d) La Hacienda Easy Logs (paragraph 27);
- (e) Optima Fire Logs (paragraph 32);
- (f) Pyrobloc Fire Logs (paragraph 34);
- (g) Unicite (paragraph 44); and
- (h) ZIP Firelogs which meet the criteria listed in the Schedule for Big K Instant Lighting Fire Logs (paragraph 48).

A savings provision ensures that authorised fuels manufactured before 8th May 2008 may still be used in a smoke control area (regulation 3(2)).

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.