
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision under the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021 (“the Act”) in relation to heat network zones (Part 3 of the Act) and building assessment reports (Part 5 of the Act). Regulation 2 provides how a local authority are to publish a statement of review of heat network zoning prepared under section 47(6) of the Act.

Regulation 3 provides who a local authority must consult before deciding whether to designate an area as a heat network zone, and sets out requirements for publishing the details of their consultation.

Regulation 4 specifies how a local authority are to publish the details of a designated heat network zone.

Regulation 5 provides who a local authority must consult before deciding whether to vary a heat network zone, and regulation 6 specifies how they are to publish the details of a varied heat network zone.

Regulation 7 specifies when a building assessment report must be prepared, and regulation 8 specifies that non-domestic buildings with an annual heat demand of less than 73 megawatt-hours per year are exempt from the requirement to prepare a building assessment report under section 63 of the Act.