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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 4

#### GAS SUPPLY CODE

##### *Rights of entry*

###### *Entry for purposes of inspection.*

- 24 (1) Any officer authorised by the Corporation may at all reasonable times, on the production of some duly authenticated document showing his authority, enter any premises in which there is a service pipe connected with the gas mains of the Corporation in order to inspect the meters, fittings and works for the supply of gas, or for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of gas consumed or supplied, except in a case where the occupier of the premises has applied in writing to the Corporation for the disconnection of the service pipe from the mains and the Corporation have failed to disconnect it within a reasonable time.
- (2) The said powers of inspection shall, in relation to any premises or part of any premises which are or is wholly occupied as a factory within the meaning of the Factories Act 1961, extend only to the inspection of—
- (a) such of the meters on the premises, or on that part of the premises as the case may be, as are used by the Corporation for measuring gas supplied by them, and
  - (b) the pipes and other fittings or works by which those meters are connected with the gas mains of the Corporation.

###### *Entry for purposes of removing pipes etc. on discontinue of supply.*

- 25 (1) Where—
- (a) a person occupying premises supplied with gas by the Corporation ceases to require such a supply, or
  - (b) a person entering into occupation of any premises previously supplied with gas by the Corporation does not take a supply of gas from the Corporation or hire such of the pipes, meters, fittings or apparatus on the premises as belong to the Corporation, or
  - (c) the Corporation are authorised to cut off the supply of gas from any premises otherwise than by virtue of any regulations made under section 31 of this Act,
- it shall be lawful for an officer authorised by the Corporation, after twenty-four hours' notice to the occupier under the hand of an officer so authorised, or to the owner or lessee of the premises if they are unoccupied, to enter the premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of removing and to remove any pipes, meters, fittings or apparatus through which the supply was given to the premises.
- (2) The notice required to be given by sub-paragraph (1) above may, in the case of unoccupied premises the owner or lessee of which is unknown to the Corporation

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and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry, be given by affixing it upon a conspicuous part of the premises not less than forty-eight hours before the premises are entered.

- (3) Where the Corporation have reasonable cause to suspect that gas is escaping, or may escape, in any premises, it shall be lawful for an officer authorised by them to enter the premises for the purpose of inspecting the gas fittings and preventing the escape, and to inspect the fittings, carry out any work necessary to prevent the escape, and take any other steps necessary to avert danger to life or property; and where the Corporation have reasonable cause to suspect that gas which has escaped has entered, or may enter, any premises, it shall be lawful for such an officer to enter those premises also and to take any steps necessary to avert danger to life or property.

*Premises to be left secure, and damage to be made good.*

- 26 Where, in pursuance of any powers conferred by this Schedule or by regulations made under section 31 of this Act, entry is made on any premises by an officer of the Corporation, the officer shall ensure that the premises are not left less secure by reason of the entry ; and the Corporation shall make good, or pay compensation for, any damage caused by the officer or by any person accompanying him in entering the premises, in taking any action therein authorised by this Schedule or the said regulations, or in making the premises secure.

*Penalty for obstruction.*

- 27 If any person wilfully obstructs any officer exercising powers under paragraphs 24 to 26 above or under any regulations made under section 31 of this Act, or any other power of entry conferred by this Schedule, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50 if it is his first conviction of an offence under this paragraph or, in any other case, a fine not exceeding £100.

*Applications of Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Act 1954.*

- 28 The provisions of this Schedule and any regulations under section 31 of this Act conferring powers of entry or otherwise relating thereto shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Act 1954 as amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to this Act.