
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 551

Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996

Co-operation

6.—(1) Every person to whom this paragraph applies shall co-operate so far as is necessary with a person conveying gas in a network and with a network emergency co-ordinator to enable them to comply with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to—

- (a) a person conveying gas in the network;
- (b) an emergency service provider;
- (c) the network emergency co-ordinator in relation to a person conveying gas;
- (d) a person conveying gas in pipes which are not part of a network by virtue of regulation 2(3) or (4);
- (e) the holder of a licence issued under section 7A of the Gas Act 1986(1);
- (f) a person exempted under section 6A(1) of the Gas Act 1986(2) from paragraph (b) or (c) of section 5(1) of that Act;
- (g) a person referred to in paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 2A to the Gas Act 1986;
- (h) the person in control of a gas production facility, a gas processing facility, a storage facility or an interconnector supplying gas to the network.

(3) The reference in paragraph (2)(h) to the person in control of a production facility is—

- (a) where the facility is a fixed installation within the meaning of regulation 2(1) of the Offshore Installations and Pipeline Works (Management and Administration) Regulations 1995(3), an operator within the meaning of that regulation;
- (b) where the facility is at a borehole site within the meaning of regulation 2(1) of the Borehole Sites and Operations Regulations 1995(4), an operator within the meaning of that regulation.

(4) A person conveying gas in a network may, subject to paragraph (5), direct a person not to consume gas for the period specified in the direction.

(5) A direction under paragraph (4) may—

- (a) only be given where it is necessary to prevent a supply emergency or to prevent danger arising from the use of gas not conforming with the requirements of regulation 8;
- (b) be given orally or in writing and may be withdrawn at any time.

(6) Where a direction is given to a person pursuant to paragraph (4), that person shall comply with it during the period specified in the direction except that this shall not require him to comply with a direction after it has been withdrawn.

(1) 1986 c. 44; section 7A was inserted by section 6 of the Gas Act 1995.

(2) Section 6A of the Gas Act 1986 was inserted by section 4 of the Gas Act 1995.

(3) S.I. 1995/738.

(4) S.I. 1995/2038.

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(7) In criminal proceedings for a contravention of paragraph (6) it shall be a defence for the accused to prove that he had no knowledge of the direction.

(8) A person who conveys gas in a network shall, where he is requested to do so by a person proposing to carry out work in relation to a gas fitting, provide him with information about the operating pressures of the gas at the outlet of a service pipe.