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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002

PART V

OVERHEAD LINES

**Minimum height of overhead lines, wires and cables**

17.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the height above ground of any overhead line, at the maximum likely temperature of that line, shall not be less than that specified by paragraph (2).

(2) In relation to an overhead line used, or intended to be used, at a voltage specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 the height referred to in paragraph (1) shall be—

- (a) at any point where that line is over a road accessible to vehicular traffic, the height specified in column 2 of Schedule 2 as appropriate to that voltage; and
- (b) at any other point, the height specified in column 3 of Schedule 2 as appropriate to that voltage.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply to any section of an overhead line at a point where it is not over a road accessible to vehicular traffic and which—

- (a) is surrounded by insulation; or
- (b) is not surrounded by insulation but is at least 4.3 metres above ground and connects equipment mounted on a support to any overhead line; or
- (c) is connected with earth.

(4) The height above ground of any wire or cable which is attached to a support carrying any overhead line shall not be less than 5.8 metres at any point where it is over a road accessible to vehicular traffic.