
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Electricity and Gas (Energy
Companies Obligation) Order 2012

PART 4

Achievement of obligations, determining savings and excess actions

Achievement of carbon emissions reduction obligation

12.—(1) A supplier must achieve its total carbon emissions reduction obligation by 31st March 2015.

(2) A supplier must achieve its total carbon emissions reduction obligation by promoting carbon qualifying actions to domestic energy users.

(3) A carbon qualifying action is the installation of a measure in paragraph (4) where the conditions in paragraph (7) are satisfied.

(4) The measures referred to in paragraph (3) are—

- (a) insulation of a hard to treat cavity where that is a recommended measure;
- (b) subject to paragraph (5), solid wall insulation where that is a recommended measure;
- (c) subject to paragraph (6), a recommended measure other than one in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) where that measure is installed—
 - (i) to improve the insulating properties of the premises;
 - (ii) at the same premises where a measure in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) has been or will be installed;
 - (iii) by the same supplier which installs the measure in sub-paragraph (a) or (b); and
 - (iv) no more than six months before, or no more than six months after, the date on which the measure in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) is installed;
- (d) a connection to a district heating system where that connection is made—
 - (i) at the same premises where a measure in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) has been or will be installed;
 - (ii) by the same supplier which installs the measure in sub-paragraph (a) or (b); and
 - (iii) no more than six months before, or no more than six months after, the date on which the measure in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) is installed.

(5) Where solid wall insulation is installed at a domestic energy user's premises, for a measure in paragraph (4)(c) or (d) to be a qualifying action the solid wall insulation must be applied to at least 50% of the walls which are exterior-facing.

(6) Where a measure falling within paragraph (4)(c) or (d) ("M1") is installed before a measure described in paragraph (4)(a) or (b) ("M2"), M1 is not a qualifying action until the installation of M2 is complete.

- (7) The conditions referred to in paragraph (3) are—
- (a) where the measure to be installed is a glazing measure—
 - (i) in England or Wales, the installation of the measure must exceed the minimum energy efficiency standard applicable to that measure which is contained in Approved Document L1B (Conservation of fuel and power in existing buildings) and the ISBN of which is 9781859463253(1);
 - (ii) in Scotland, the installation of the measure must exceed the minimum energy efficiency standard applicable to that measure which is contained in the Domestic Technical Handbook (Section 6 - Energy)(2); and
 - (b) that the installation must be carried out—
 - (i) after 30th September 2012; and
 - (ii) in accordance with the Publicly Available Specification where the installation is referred to in the Specification.

(1) This Approved Document supports the Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/719). Paragraphs 4.18 to 4.23 refer to the relevant standards for glazing. The document can be found at the following link: http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/br/BR_PDF_AD_L1B_2010.pdf. A copy of the document can be obtained from Communities and Local Government Publications, Department for Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU.

(2) This document is produced by the Scottish Executive and came in to force on 1st May 2011. The document supports the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/406). Standard 6.2 is relevant to glazing. The document can be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/Building/Building-standards/publications/pubtech/thb2011domenergy>. A copy of the document can be inspected at the Department of Energy and Climate Change, 3 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2AW.