
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 1221

The Heat Network (Metering and Billing) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Amendment of regulation 4 (duty to install meters)

6.—(1) Regulation 4 (duty to install meters) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) Heat suppliers must comply with paragraph (3) or (4) in respect of all buildings in the viable class supplied by a district heat network or communal heating operated by them.

(2B) A heat supplier must comply with paragraph (3) or (4) before 1st September 2022 in respect of a building which first falls within the open class before that date, where the heat supplier determines that it is cost effective and technically feasible to install meters in the building.

(2C) A determination for the purpose of paragraph (2B) is to be made—

- (a) before 27th November 2021, where the building first falls within the open class before that date; or
- (b) otherwise, before 1st September 2022.

(2D) Where a heat supplier determines that it is cost effective and technically feasible to install meters in a building which first falls within the open class on or after 1st September 2022, the heat supplier must comply with paragraph (3) or (4) when the building first falls within the open class.”.

(3) In paragraph (4), after “that” insert “sufficient”.

(4) Omit paragraph (5).

(5) For paragraphs (6) and (7) substitute—

“(6) A determination as to whether it is cost effective and technically feasible to install meters in a building must be made on the basis of an analysis carried out in accordance with Schedule 1.

(7) Within four years of making a determination, a heat supplier who determines that it is not cost effective or technically feasible to install meters in the building—

- (a) must make a further determination; and
- (b) if the heat supplier then determines that it is cost effective and technically feasible to install meters in the building, must comply with paragraph (3) or (4) within that four year period.

(7A) Paragraph (7) does not apply where meters to which paragraph (3) or (4) applies or heat cost allocators, thermostatic radiator valves and hot water meters to which regulation 6(2) applies have been installed in the building.”.