STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) (Use for Trade) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Made - - - -	*31st August 2007*
Coming into operation	*15th October 2007*

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment(**1**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 13(1) of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**2**) and now vested in it(**3**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) (Use for Trade) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 15th October 2007.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the 2006 Regulations" means the Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel delivered from Road Tankers) Regulations 2006(**4**);

"accuracy class" means the classification of a meter measuring system determined in accordance with paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the 2006 Regulations;

"essential requirements" means the requirements set out in Schedule 1 to the 2006 Regulations;

"flowrate range" means the range between the minimum flowrate and the maximum flowrate;

"instrument" has the same meaning as meter measuring system;

"meter" means equipment designed to measure continuously, memorise and display the quantity at metering conditions of liquid fuel flowing through the measurement transducer in a closed, fully charged circuit;

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Economic Development; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Art. 3(5)
(**2**) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10) as amended by 2000 c. 5 (N.I.)
(**3**) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4
(**4**) S.I. 2006/1269

"meter measuring system" means a system that comprises the meter and all devices required to ensure correct measurement or intended to facilitate the measuring operations;

"minimum measured quantity" means the smallest quantity of liquid fuel for which the measurement is metrologically acceptable for the meter measuring system;

"place on the market" means making available for the first time in a member State an instrument intended for an end user, whether for reward or free of charge;

"put into use" means the first use of an instrument intended for the end user for the purposes for which it was intended; and

"road tanker" means a vehicle or trailer—

(a) which contains or is intended to contain liquid fuel in a tank forming part of the vehicle; or

(b) which carries on it a tank of a capacity exceeding 3 cubic metres which contains or is intended to contain liquid fuel,

other than the tank containing the fuel used to propel the vehicle or trailer.

Application

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), these Regulations apply to a meter measuring system which is—

(a) for use for trade in the making of a continuous and dynamic measurement of liquid fuel in a quantity exceeding 100 litres or 100 kilograms, delivered from a road tanker; and

(b) first placed on the market or put into use on or after 15th October 2007.

(2) These Regulations do not apply to a meter measuring system—

(a) in respect of which a certificate of approval has been granted before 15th October 2007 and is in force; and

(b) which is first passed as fit for use for trade and stamped under the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) Regulations 1984(**5**).

(3) These Regulations do not apply to any meter measuring system to which the 2006 Regulations do not apply by virtue of regulation 3(3) to (7) thereof.

Requirements for use for trade

4. A person shall not use for trade a meter measuring system unless—

(a) it is compliant with the essential requirements other than the provisions relating to maximum permissible errors referred to in paragraph 16 of Schedule 1 to the 2006 Regulations;

(b) it has been erected and installed so as to facilitate testing;

(c) it operates within the maximum permissible errors set out in regulation 5; and

(d) the requirements of regulations 6 and 7 are complied with.

Maximum permissible errors

5.—(1) An instrument which falls within an accuracy class of 0.3, 0.5 or 1.0 shall, when used to measure a quantity set out in column 1 of the following Table, operate within the maximum permissible error as set out in column 2, 3 or 4 of that Table (as appropriate) for that class and that quantity.

(**5**) S.R. 1984 No. 117, as amended by S.R. 1986 No. 307, S.R. 1995 No. 228, S.R. 1997 No. 220, S.R. 2002 No. 71 and S.R. 2005 No. 26.