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Gas (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

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The Department of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 26(1) and (2) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gas (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1981.

Amendment of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977

2.—(1) For the definition of ''calorific value'' in Article 2(2) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 there shall be substituted—

'''calorific value'' means the number of megajoules (gross), expressed to 1 decimal place by ignoring any amount less than 0.05 and treating any amounts between 0.05 and 0.1 as 0.1, produced by the combustion of one cubic metre of gas measured at 15 °C under a pressure of 1013.25 millibars and, except as may be otherwise directed by the Department in relation to gas supplied from any undertaking specified in the direction, saturated with water vapour;'.

(2) For the definition of ''therm'' in Article 2(2) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 there shall be substituted—

'''therm'' means 105.5 megajoules;'.

(3) After paragraph 10(3) (Meter to be evidence of quantity of gas supplied) of Schedule 1 to the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 the following sub-paragraph shall be added—

''(4) Where gas is supplied through a meter measuring in cubic feet to which Regulation 10(3) (Use for trade of measuring equipment measuring in cubic feet etc. after 1st December 1980) of the Units of Measurement Regulations 1980(**b**) applies, any indication by that meter of a quantity of gas in cubic feet shall be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) as an indication of that quantity in cubic metres by reference to the revelant value (that is to say 1 cu. ft. = $0.0283m^3$) set out in Schedule 3 to those Regulations.''

Amendment of Regulations of 1973

3. Regulation 2 of the Gas (Declaration of Calorific Value) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**c**) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) for the word ''feet'' there shall be substituted the word ''metres'';

(**a**) S.I. 1977/596 (N.I. 7)
(**b**) S.I. 1980/1070
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 298 (II, p. 1604)