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Gas (Meter) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

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The Department(a) of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Weights and Measures Act 1904(b), as extended by section 12 of the Gas Regulation Act 1920(c), now vested in it(d) and saved by section 42 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(e) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Gas (Meter) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1975.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Gas Regulation Act 1920;

"diaphragm meter" means a meter constructed so that it contains a flexible partition;

"meter examiner" means a meter examiner appointed under the Sale of Gas Act 1859(f).

Prescribed standards for meters

3.—(1) The standards with which a meter examiner is to be satisfied that a meter conforms so that he may stamp, or authorise the stamping of, the meter in accordance with section 13 of the Act are as follows:

(*a*) the meter is such that no gas or air will escape from it;

(*b*) in the case of any diaphragm meter, the meter, when used for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of either gas or air passing through it—

(i) at any rate of flow not less than one-fiftieth of the greatest rate of flow for which it is designed and not more than the greatest rate of flow, will register such quantity of gas or air as does not differ from the actual quantity of gas or air passing through the meter by more than 2 per cent of that actual quantity; and

(ii) at the rate of flow specified in column 1 of Table A below which corresponds to the greatest rate of flow for which it is designed specified in column 2 of the Table, will register the passage of gas or air;

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 section 40 and Schedule 5 paragraph 8(1)
(b) 1904 c. 28
(c) 1920 c. 28
(d) S.R. & O. 1922 No. 183 (Rev. vol. XVI p. 993)
(e) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)
(f) 1859 c. 66

TABLE A

Column 1 *Rate of flow in cubic feet per hour*	Column 2 *Greatest rate of flow for which the meter is designed in cubic feet per hour*
0.5	Not exceeding 212
1.0	Exceeding 212 but not exceeding 883
2.0	Exceeding 883 but not exceeding 2296
5.0	Exceeding 2296

(*c*) in the case of a meter other than a diaphragm meter, the meter, when used for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of either gas or air passing through it—

(i) at any rate of flow not less than one-fifth of the greatest rate of flow for which it is designed and not more than that greatest rate of flow, will register such quantity of gas or air as does not differ from the actual quantity of gas or air passing through the meter by more than 1 per cent of that actual quantity; and

(ii) at any rate of flow not less than the smallest rate of flow for which it is designed and less than one-fifth of the greatest rate of flow for which it is designed, will register such quantity of gas or air as does not differ from the actual quantity of gas or air passing through the meter by more than 2 per cent of that actual quantity;

(*d*) in the case of a diaphragm meter designed to operate at a pressure of not more than 1 bar, the mean difference between the pressure of air at the inlet of the meter and the pressure of air at the outlet of the meter, where air is passing through the meter at the greatest rate of flow for which it is designed, will not exceed the amount specified in column 1 of Table B below which corresponds to that greatest rate of flow specified in column 2 of the Table; and

TABLE B

Column 1 *Mean difference in millibars*	Column 2 *Greatest rate of flow for which the meter is designed in cubic feet per hour*
2.0	Not exceeding 566
3.0	Exceeding 566 but not exceeding 2296
4.0	Exceeding 2296