STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1972 No. 240

## EMERGENCY POWERS

## The Electricity (Directions) No. 2 Order 1972

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under paragraphs (2) and (3) of Regulation 17 and paragraph (2) of Regulation 39 of the Emergency Regulations 1972(**a**) and of all other powers in that behalf enabling him, hereby orders as follows:—

**1.** This Order shall come into operation on 23rd February 1972, and may be cited as the Electricity (Directions) No. 2 Order 1972.

**2.** This Order shall apply to all premises in relation to which Directions have been given by the Secretary of State under Regulation 17(2) of the Emergency Regulations 1972 and to all persons to whom such Directions have been given.

**3.** The Directions referred to in Article 2 of this Order shall in no case apply to the consumption of electricity in connection with the use of computers and of any other equipment necessary for their proper functioning.

**4.** Any Directions referred to in Article 2 of this Order prohibiting the consumption of electricity on the premises to which they relate on specified days of the week (being premises classified thereby as falling within Groups A to F inclusive) shall not apply to such consumption on those days—

(*a*) between midnight and 7.0 a.m., for any purpose;

(*b*) in any part of those premises used as offices, except in so far as they prohibit such consumption for the purpose of heating that part of the premises by electricity; or

(*c*) for the purpose of operating any fan, circulating pump or controlling mechanism installed in any central plant used for heating any such part of the premises by means of solid fuel, gas or oil.

**5.** Any Directions referred to in Article 2 of this Order relating to premises classified thereby as falling within Group O shall hereafter have

(**a**) S.I. 1972/157 (1972 I, p. 540).

effect as if, in place of the figure of 50 per cent (being the proportion of demand and consumption required by such Directions not to be exceeded) there were substituted the figure of 60 per cent.

Dated 22nd February 1972.

*John Eden,*
Minister for Industry,
Department of Trade and Industry.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends Directions given by the Secretary of State under Regulation 17(2) of the Emergency Regulations 1972 regulating or prohibiting the consumption of electricity.

It permits in all cases such consumption in connection with the use of computers and equipment necessary for their use.

Where the Directions prohibit the consumption of electricity at certain premises (classified as falling within Groups A to F) on specified days, such consumption is now permitted between midnight and 7.0 a.m. for any purpose. It is also permitted at any time in any part of such premises used as offices, except for the purpose of heating those offices by electricity. (The use of electricity for the operation or control of central heating plant consuming other fuels to heat such offices is however permitted.)

Where the Directions relate to premises classified as falling within Group O, the maximum permitted proportion of normal demand and consumption of electricity is increased from 50 per cent to 60 per cent.

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