STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1900

EMERGENCY POWERS

ELECTRICITY

The Electricity (Heating) (Restriction) Order 1973

Made - - - 14*th November* 1973

Coming into Operation 15*th November* 1973

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under Regulation 21 of the Emergency Regulations 1973 (**a**) and of all other powers in that behalf enabling him, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This Order shall come into operation on 15th November 1973 and may be cited as the Electricity (Heating) (Restriction) Order 1973.

2.—(1) In this Order " electricity " means electricity supplied by an Electricity Board.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this Article, and except under a licence granted by the Secretary of State under this Order, no person shall consume or permit the consumption of electricity for the purpose of heating—

(*a*) any premises used wholly or mainly—

(i) as an office or showroom;

(ii) as a retail shop, bank or petrol station;

(iii) as a restaurant or catering establishment (whether or not licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor) or for the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor;

(iv) as a film, television or photographic studio;

(v) as a library, museum, art gallery, exhibition hall or other public hall;

(vi) as a school, college or other place of education;

(vii) as a church, chapel or other place of public worship; or

(viii) for recreation, entertainment or sport; or

(*b*) any part so used of any premises, not otherwise so used, if the heating for that part is controlled separately from the heating for the other part of the premises.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Article shall apply to the consumption of electricity—

(*a*) on any part of any such premises which is used as living accommodation;

(*b*) on any part of any such premises to the extent that such consumption is necessary for the maintenance of the health of any person on those premises who is ill, disabled or infirm;

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

(*d*) for the purpose of preventing damage to any central heating plant on any such premises;

(a) S.I. 1973/1881 (1973 III, p. 6516). (b) 1889 c. 63.

(*e*) for the purpose of operating apparatus for heating, cooling or air-conditioning on any such premises to the extent necessary to prevent damage to any apparatus, goods or material on the premises which is sensitive to changes in temperature or humidity;

(*f*) for preserving the health of any livestock on any such premises;

(*g*) on any part of such premises used as a registered pharmacy or used for the purpose of his practice or business by a registered medical practitioner, a registered dentist, a registered pharmacist, a registered optician, a registered veterinary surgeon or a registered veterinary practitioner; or

(*h*) on any part of such premises used for the purpose of dispensing hearing aids by any person registered as a dispenser of hearing aids under the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968(**a**).

4. Any licence granted under this Order may be subject to conditions and may be revoked without prior notice.

Tom Boardman,

Minister for Industry,
Department of Trade and Industry.

14th November 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prohibits the consumption of electricity for space heating, except under a licence granted by the Secretary of State, in premises used for certain purposes specified in Article 3(1) of the Order. These include offices, showrooms, shops, banks, petrol stations, restaurants, bars, studios, public halls, schools, churches and places of recreation, entertainment or sport. The prohibition does not apply to living accommodation, or where heating is necessary for the preservation of health. The premises of doctors, dentists, pharmacists, opticians, veterinary surgeons and practitioners and dispensers of hearing aids are excluded from the prohibition, in so far as they are used for the purpose of the practice or business. The use of electricity for certain specified purposes (including the operation or control of central heating plant consuming other fuels) is permitted.

(**a**) 1968 c. 50.

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