STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 169

EMERGENCY POWERS

The Electricity (Non-Domestic Heating) (Restriction) Order 1972

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Coming into operation	12*th February* 1972

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under Regulation 21 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 12th February 1972 and may be cited as the Electricity (Non-Domestic Heating) (Restriction) Order 1972.

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

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

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) 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 any premises used wholly or mainly—

(*a*) as an office, shop, public hall, public house or catering establishment; or

(*b*) for recreation, entertainment, or sport.

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

(*a*) 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;

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

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

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

(*e*) on any part of such premises used for the purposes of his practice or business by a fully registered medical practitioner, a registered dentist, a registered pharmacist, a registered optician, a registered veterinary surgeon or a registered veterinary practitioner.

(a) S.I. 1972/157 (1972 I, p. 540). **(b)** 1889 c. 63.

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

Dated 10th February 1972.

John Eden,
Minister for Industry
Department of Trade and Industry

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, at offices, shops, public halls, public houses and catering establishments and premises used for recreation, entertainment or sport. The premises of doctors, dentists, pharmacists, opticians and veterinary surgeons and practitioners 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.

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