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GAS

Declaration of Calorific Value

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH AUGUST 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE GAS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Commerce on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2 of the Gas Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a), and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gas (Declaration of Calorific Value) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, and shall come into operation on the 29th day of August 1973.

2. Where any undertakers charge for gas supplied by them according to the number of therms supplied, the number supplied to any consumer shall be ascertained by multiplying the number of cubic feet of gas registered by the consumer's meter by the number of British Thermal Units in the declared calorific value of the gas and dividing the product by one hundred thousand.

3.—(1) In any case where undertakers charge for gas supplied by some method other than according to the number of therms supplied they shall, not later than 1st January 1974, declare the calorific value of the gas to be supplied by notice given at least one month before the declaration is to take effect—

(*a*) in the Belfast Gazette,

(*b*) in one or more newspapers circulating in the locality.

(2) A copy of the said notice shall be sent to the Ministry of Commerce.

(3) A declaration of calorific value shall take effect, for the purpose of calculating the charge to be made for gas supplied to any consumer, immediately after the first reading of that consumer's meter after the date on which the declaration takes effect.

4.—(1) In any case where undertakers propose to alter the declared calorific value of gas supplied from any gasworks they shall declare the calorific value of the gas to be supplied from that gasworks on and after the date at which the declaration is to take effect, by notice given at least one month prior to that date,—

(*a*) in the Belfast Gazette,

(*b*) in one or more newspapers circulating in the locality.

(2) A copy of the said notice shall be sent to the Ministry of Commerce.

(3) Where an alteration in the declared calorific value occurs in the course of any period for which charges for such gas are made to a consumer, charges to him shall be calculated in respect of that period on the basis—

(a) 1971. c. 19 (N.I.).

(*a*) if the alteration increases the calorific value, of the declared calorific value in force immediately before such alteration;

(*b*) if the alteration decreases the calorific value, of the declared calorific value as so altered.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 29th day of August 1973.

(L.S.) *Kenneth Darwin,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These Regulations—

(*a*) prescribe the manner in which the number of therms supplied to any consumer is to be calculated;

(*b*) make provision as to the time when and the manner in which an original declaration of calorific value, and any alteration in calorific value, of gas supplied by undertakers is to be declared and is to be brought to the notice of consumers; and

(*c*) provide for the adjustment of charges for gas.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading TRUNK ROADS.