STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 714

GAS

The Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1961

Made - - - -	12*th April*, 1961
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Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1961

The Minister of Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section fifty-four of the Gas Act, 1948(a), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, and may be cited as the Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1961.

2. The Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949(b), as amended by the Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959(c), shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in these regulations.

3. In regulation one (which prescribes the standards to which meters are to conform) there shall be—

(*a*) inserted at the beginning of paragraph (4) and of paragraph (5) the words " Subject to the provisions of paragraph (6) of this regulation " ;

(*b*) added to the regulation the following paragraph—

" (6) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of this regulation shall not apply to any meter which depends for its effective operation upon the provision therein of means to secure an increase in the velocity of air or gas passing between the inlet and outlet of such meter."

4. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (2) of regulation three (which relates to fees):—

" (2) Where any meter is so examined or re-examined, otherwise than at any premises to which it has been delivered for the purpose of any such examination at those premises, there shall be paid to the Minister in addition to any such fee as aforesaid a fee equivalent to the amount of—

(*a*) all reasonable expenses, including incidental expenses, incurred by the meter examiner, and any other meter examiner assisting him in the examination, in travelling to and from the premises where the meter is examined by him, in preparing for the examination of the meter and in dismantling any equipment used therefor ; and

(*b*) a sum calculated at the rate of twenty-five shillings for every hour, or part of an hour exceeding thirty minutes, spent by the examiner and any such other meter examiner respectively in so travelling, preparing and dismantling as aforesaid."

5. The schedule to these regulations shall be substituted for the schedule to the Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949, as amended by the Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67. (b) S.I. 1949/790 (1949 I, p. 1985). (c) S.I. 1959/503 (1959 I, p. 1434).

6. The Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959, are hereby revoked.

Dated this twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

Richard Wood,
Minister of Power.

SCHEDULE

FEES

Col. 1	Col. 2
Meter examined	Fee
	£. s. d.
1. For examining, with or without stamping, or re-examining any meter (not being a prototype) with measuring capacity—	
(*a*) not exceeding 650 cubic feet per hour	4 3
(*b*) exceeding 650 cubic feet, but not exceeding 1,850 cubic feet per hour	15 0
(*c*) exceeding 1,850 cubic feet, but not exceeding 8,050 cubic feet per hour	4 0 0
(*d*) exceeding 8,050 cubic feet, but not exceeding 15,050 cubic feet per hour	10 0 0
(*e*) exceeding 15,050 cubic feet per hour	20 0 0
In the case of the re-examination of a disputed meter under regulation two a surcharge of	5 0
2. For examining the prototype of any meter with measuring capacity—	
(*a*) not exceeding 650 cubic feet per hour	20 0 0
(*b*) exceeding 650 cubic feet per hour	40 0 0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation one of the Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949, as amended, prescribes the standards to which meters are to conform, paragraphs (4) and (5) relating to pressure. Regulation three of these regulations excepts from those paragraphs meters which are so designed as to depend for their effective operation on an increase in the velocity of the air or gas passing between the inlet and outlet of each such meter.

Regulation three of the Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949, provides in paragraph (1) for the fees to be paid to the Minister of Power for the examination or re-examination of meters by meter examiners, the particulars being set out in the schedule to the Regulations. In the case of meters which are examined in situ paragraph (2) provides for an additional fee for certain reasonable expenses incurred in respect of those examinations. Regulation four of these regulations widens the scope of the expenses so that it includes expenses incurred in doing things which are required to be done in connection with the examination of the meter not only before, but after, the examination. It also provides for the inclusion in such fee of a sum in respect of the salaries paid to the meter examiners in respect of the time they spend travelling, preparing for the examination and dismantling their equipment.

Regulation five of these regulations substitutes a new schedule of fees in the place of the Schedule to the Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959, and regulation six revokes those Regulations.