(v) GAS METERS

The Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 790

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

Prescribed standards for meters.

1.—(1) No meter examiner shall stamp any meter unless he is satisfied that it conforms to the standards prescribed by this regulation.

(2) No air or gas will escape from the meter.

(3) No meter, when measuring either air or gas passing through it at any rate of flow for which it is designed, will register more than two per centum over or three per centum under the actual quantity of such air or gas.

(4) The mean difference between the pressures at the inlet and outlet of any meter through which air or gas is passing at any rate of flow for which it is designed will not exceed—

(*a*) in the case of any such meter having a capacity not exceeding five thousand cubic feet per hour, five-tenths of an inch water column;

(*b*) in the case of any such meter having a capacity exceeding five thousand but not exceeding twenty thousand cubic feet per hour, eight-tenths of an inch water column;

(*c*) in the case of any such meter having a capacity exceeding twenty thousand cubic feet per hour, one inch water column.

(5) No meter will cause such an oscillation of pressure, when measuring either air or gas passing through it at any rate of flow for which it is designed, that the difference between the highest and the lowest pressure at the outlet thereof is greater—

(*a*) in the case of a meter to which paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing paragraph applies, than three-tenths of an inch water column;

(*b*) in the case of any other meter, than four-tenths of an inch water column.

Re-examination of disputed meters.

2.—(1) Where there is a dispute between any consumer of gas and the person supplying that gas to him concerning the accuracy of any meter measuring any such gas, that meter may, subject to the provisions

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67.

of the next following paragraph, be submitted by that consumer or by that person for re-examination to a meter examiner who shall—

(*a*) if the meter registers accurately in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of regulation one and conforms in every other respect to the standards prescribed by these regulations, return the meter without defacing the stamp to the person submitting it for such re-examination ;

(*b*) if the meter does not register accurately as aforesaid or does not conform to any other standard prescribed by these regulations, deface the stamp.

(2) Where any person other than the consumer concerned submits any meter for re-examination as aforesaid, the name and address of that consumer shall be communicated in writing by that person to the meter examiner to whom the meter is submitted.

(3) Any meter examiner who examines any meter submitted to him for re-examination as aforesaid shall issue to the consumer concerned and to the person who has supplied that consumer with gas through that meter a certificate signed by the meter examiner stating—

(*a*) in a case to which sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation applies, that the meter registered accurately when so examined ; or

(*b*) in a case to which sub-paragraph (*b*) of the said paragraph applies, the degree exceeding the degree permissible under paragraph (3) of regulation one to which the meter, when so examined, registered erroneously.

Fees.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, the fee to be paid to the Minister for the examination or re-examination by a meter examiner, with or without stamping, of any such meter as appears in the first column of the schedule to these regulations shall be the appropriate fee set out in the second column of the said schedule.(a)

(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 all reasonable expenses, including incidental expenses, incurred by the meter examiner in travelling to and from the premises where the meter is examined by him and in doing all such things as are reasonably necessary in order to prepare the meter for any such examination.

(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph fourteen of the Third Schedule to the Act, any such fee as is mentioned in the two last foregoing paragraphs shall be paid to the Minister on demand by the person who submits the meter for any such examination or re-examination ; so however that where any consumer submits for re-examination any meter not owned by him through which supplies of gas are made to him and that meter, when examined on the premises at which it is situated for the purpose of such supplies, is found to register erroneously, the owner of the meter shall defray to that consumer the amount of all such fees as aforesaid paid by the consumer.

(a) *See* amendment, p. 1988 below.

4.—(1) In these regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say :— Interpretation.

" the Act " means the Gas Act, 1948 ;

" the Minister " means the Minister of Fuel and Power.

(2) Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Act or by these regulations shall, unless the context otherwise require, bear the same meanings in any instrument issued under the provisions of these regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

5. These regulations shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949.

Dated this twenty-second day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and 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—	
(i) not exceeding 50 cubic feet per hour	1 6
(ii) exceeding 50 cubic feet per hour, for the first 50 cubic feet one shilling and sixpence and for each additional 100 cubic feet or part thereof—	
in the case of a dry meter	9
in the case of a wet meter	1 1½
together, if the meter registers in terms of therms, with the sum of	9
2. For examining the prototype of any meter, whether registering in terms of cubic feet or of therms—	
(*a*) with measuring capacity not exceeding 500 cubic feet	10 0 0
(*b*) with measuring capacity exceeding 500 cubic feet	20 0 0

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. These regulations prescribe the standards to which gas meters submitted for stamping or re-examining after 1st May, 1949, are required to conform (reg. 1).

2. Provision is made for re-examining, in case of disputes, meters already stamped, and for cancelling the stamp on any meters which no longer conform with the prescribed standards. Certificates stating that the meter registers accurately or the degree of its inaccuracy, as the case may be, are to be issued by meter examiners to the consumer and supplier concerned (reg. 2).

3. The regulations also provide for determining the fees to be paid for examining, with or without stamping, and re-examining meters, and the persons by whom they are to be paid (reg. 3).

The Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949

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The Minister of Fuel and 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. The Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949(b), shall have effect subject to the modification that there shall be added at the end of paragraph (1) of regulation three (which prescribes the fees to be paid to the Minister for the examination of meters) the words " or the sum of twenty pounds, whichever is the less."

2. These regulations shall come into operation on the first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

Dated this twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of these Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the provision of the Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949, relating to the fees to be paid to the Minister for the examination of meters by fixing a maximum fee of £20 for the examination of any one meter.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67. (b) S.I. 1949 No. 790, p. 1985 above.