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The Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1975

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 30(1) and (2) of the Electricity Act 1957**(a)** and now vested in him **(b)**, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1975.

2.—(1) In this Order—

"single phase credit meter" means an alternating current single phase two wire single rate credit meter without an impulse device;

"specified meter" means a prepayment meter, a maximum demand meter or a multi-rate meter, being in each case an alternating current meter;

"the Schedule of 1899" means the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899**(c)** as incorporated with the Electricity Act 1947**(d)**.

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

3. Where a specified meter is or has been certified under the provisions of the Schedule of 1899 on or after 1st March 1965, that certification (if it has not previously ceased to have effect) shall cease to have effect at the end of 10 years, beginning with the date of the certification:

Provided that, in the case of the following classes of alternating current prepayment meters namely those of types e PI (MCR), e PPI (MCR), e NP (MCR), FM m P (MCR), CF6K (SR/LR) and CH1K2 (MCR) which are or have been so certified on or after 1st March 1965, that certification (if it has not previously ceased to have effect) shall cease to have effect at the end of 15 years beginning with the date of the certification.

4. Where a single phase credit meter is or has been certified under the provisions of the Schedule of 1899 on or after 1st March 1955, that certification (if it has not previously ceased to have effect) shall cease to have effect at the end of 20 years, beginning with the date of the certification.

(a) 1957 c. 48.
(b) S.I. 1969/1498, 1970/1537 (1969 III, p. 4797; 1970 III, p. 5293).
(c) 1899 c. 19. **(d)** 1947 c. 54. **(e)** 1889 c. 63.

5. Where a meter, not being a specified meter or a single phase credit meter, is or has been certified under the provisions of the Schedule of 1899 on or after 1st March 1960, that certification (if it has not previously ceased to have effect) shall cease to have effect at the end of 15 years, beginning with the date of the certification.

6. The Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1967**(a)** is hereby revoked.

Eric Varley,
Secretary of State for Energy.

16th January 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prescribes the periods after which the certification of different classes of electricity meters under the provisions of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899 shall cease to have effect.

The periods (running in each case from the date of certification) are—

(1) For alternating current prepayment, maximum demand and multi-rate meters certified on or after 1st March 1965: 10 years (except for certain types of prepayment meters specified in Article 3 for which a period of 15 years is prescribed);

(2) For single phase credit meters (as defined in Article 2(1)) certified on or after 1st March 1955: 20 years;

(3) For all other meters certified on or after 1st March 1960: 15 years.

The Order supersedes the Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1967 which is revoked.

(a) S.I. 1967/1961 (1967 III, p. 5400).

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