STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1977

Made - - - -	30*th November* 1977
Laid before Parliament	8*th December* 1977
Coming into Operation	31*st December* 1977

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—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 31st December 1977.

Interpretation

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.

Single phase credit meters

3. The certification under the provisions of the Schedule of 1899 of any single phase credit meter of a type described in column 1 of Table A below at any time during the period set out in relation thereto in column 2 of that table shall, if it has not previously ceased to have effect, cease to have effect at the end of the period prescribed in relation thereto in column 3 of that table, beginning with the date of the certification, or on the date prescribed in relation thereto in that column, should that be earlier.

(**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.

Table A

1. Type of Meter	2. Certified	3. Period of Certification
UV (SR/LR) UVA (SR/LR) UVB (SR/LR) UVE (SR/LR)	Before 31st December 1977	20 years
HM (SR/LR) HMT (SR/LR) AR (SR/LR) eI (SR/LR)	On or after 31st December 1977	15 years
NF 5 (MCR with cyclometer registers) ZE (SR/LR) ZEA (SR/LR) ZEB (SR/LR)	1957–1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 On or after 1st January 1967	20 years 19 years 18 years 17 years 16 years 15 years
HMT (MCR)	On or after 31st December 1957	15 years
TM 3b	On or after 31st December 1957	20 years or until 31st December 1982 if earlier
Any type of single phase credit meter not described above	On or after 31st December 1957	20 years

Specified meters

4. The certification under the provisions of the Schedule of 1899 of any specified meter of a type described in column 1 of Table B below on or after 1st March 1965 shall, if it has not previously ceased to have effect, cease to have effect at the end of the period prescribed in relation thereto in column 2 of that table, beginning with the date of the certification.

Table B

1. Type of Meter	2. Period of Certification
ePI (MCR) ePPI (MCR) eNP (MCR) FMmP (MCR) CF6K (SR/LR) $CF6K_2$ (SR/LR) $CF6K_2g_2$ (SR/LR) $CH1K_2$ (MCR) $CH1K_2g_2$ (MCR)	15 years
Any type of specified meter not described above	10 years

Other meters

5. The certification under the provisions of the Schedule of 1899 of any meter, not being a single phase credit meter or a specified meter, on or after 31st December 1962 shall, if it has not previously ceased to have effect, cease to have effect at the end of 15 years, beginning with the date of the certification.

Revocation

6. The Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1975 (**a**) is hereby revoked.

Tony Benn,

Secretary of State for Energy.

30th November 1977.

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 single phase credit meters (as defined in Article 2(1) of the Order): periods mainly of from 15 to 20 years, depending on the type of meter and date of certification;

(2) For alternating current prepayment, maximum demand and multi-rate meters certified on or after 1st March 1965: 10 or 15 years depending on the type of meter;

(3) For all other meters certified on or after 31st December 1962: 15 years.

The Order supersedes the Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1975 which is revoked.

(a) S.I. 1975/56 (1975 I, p. 167).

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