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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 275**

**The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**PART II**

**GAS SUPPLY AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES**

*Licensing of supply of gas and associated activities*

**[<sup>F1</sup>Monitoring and review of certification**

**8I.**—(1) The Authority must monitor, in respect of each certified person, whether the grounds on which the person was certified continue to apply.

(2) Where, for the purposes of certifying any person, the Authority has treated the second or third test in Article 8G as having been passed only by virtue of paragraph (5) or (7) of that Article, then where after the expiry of the time limit provided under paragraph (8) of that Article it has ceased to treat that test as having been passed by such virtue, the certification shall be withdrawn unless the Authority reviews the certification and is satisfied that the test in question is otherwise passed.

(3) If, on or after [<sup>F2</sup>IP completion day], as a result of information it has received or obtained, the Authority considers that a person from a [<sup>F3</sup>country outside the United Kingdom] has taken or may take control of a certified person or a person designated as independent system operator, the Authority must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, notify the information to the Department <sup>F4</sup>....

(4) The Authority may review the <sup>F5</sup>... certification for any person if—

- (a) the certified person or any related conveyance licensee notifies it of any event or circumstance which may affect the grounds on which that person was certified; or
- (b) for any other reason the Authority considers that the grounds for the certification of that person may no longer apply.

(5) A review under paragraph (2) or (4) is to be carried out within the 4 months beginning with—

- (a) if paragraph (4)(a) applies, the day on which the Authority receives the notification under that paragraph;
- (b) if the review is in pursuance of paragraph (2), the expiry of the time limit referred to in that paragraph; or
- (c) otherwise, the first day on which the Authority considers that the grounds for certification may no longer apply.

<sup>F6</sup>(6) .....

<sup>F7</sup>(7) .....

(8) But where the Authority considers that the circumstances giving rise to the review of the certification of any person under paragraph (4) <sup>F8</sup>... represent or result from the contravention of a relevant condition or requirement for the purposes of Article 41 of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, by a related conveyance licensee, the Authority may suspend the carrying out of the

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review while the Authority is taking steps in relation to such contravention pursuant to Part VI of that Order and during any period allowed to the related conveyance licensee for complying with any enforcement order.

(9) As soon as is reasonably practicable after beginning a review under this Article, the Authority must notify the certified person to whom the review relates and any related conveyance licensee that the review is being carried out and the reasons for it.

(10) The Authority may ask the certified person for any information the Authority thinks is relevant to the review, and the person must supply the information if—

- (a) it is in the certified person's possession or control; or
- (b) it is information which the certified person could reasonably be expected to obtain.

(11) The Authority may ask a relevant producer or supplier or related conveyance licensee for any information the Authority thinks is relevant to a review under this Article, and the relevant producer or supplier or related conveyance licensee must supply that information if—

- (a) it is in the possession or control of the relevant producer or supplier or related conveyance licensee; or
- (b) it is information which the relevant producer or supplier or related conveyance licensee could reasonably be expected to obtain.

(12) A person required to supply information under paragraph (10) or (11) must do so by any deadline specified by the Authority in the request.

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<sup>F9</sup>(12A) If, before any of the deadlines mentioned in [<sup>F10</sup>paragraph (5)] (or before such deadline as previously extended under this paragraph), the Authority asks the certified person or a relevant producer or supplier for information under paragraph (10) or (11), the relevant deadline is the end of the 4 months beginning with the day on which the last of that information is received.]]

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| <b>F1</b>  | Arts. 8B-8L inserted (15.4.2011) by <a href="#">Gas and Electricity (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/155)</a> , <b>reg. 12</b>   |
| <b>F2</b>  | Words in art. 8I(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by <a href="#">The Electricity and Gas etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/530)</a> , regs. 1(1), <b>113(2)(a)</b> (as amended by S.I. 2020/1016, regs. 1(2), 3(35)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1) |
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| <b>F8</b>  | Words in art. 8I(8) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of <a href="#">The Electricity and Gas etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/530)</a> , regs. 1(1), <b>113(5)</b> ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)   |
| <b>F9</b>  | Art. 8I(12) inserted (5.6.2015) by <a href="#">Electricity and Gas (Ownership Unbundling) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/249)</a> , <b>reg. 4(4)</b> (with reg. 5(1))   |
| <b>F10</b> | Words in art. 8I(12A) substituted (31.12.2020) by <a href="#">The Electricity and Gas etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/530)</a> , regs. 1(1), <b>113(6)</b> ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)   |

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument am. (pt.prosp.) by [1998 c. 41 s.66\(5\)Sch.10 Pt.III para.8](#)
- Instrument amended by [1998 c. 41 s.66\(5\)Sch.10 Pt.V para.18](#)
- Instrument rev. in pt. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 41 ss.66\(5\),74\(3\), Sch.10, Pt.V, para.18, Sch.14, Pt.II](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 18(1A)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(b) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 24](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)