
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CLEAN AIR

The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations 1992

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>14th January 1992</i>
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The Secretary of State for the Environment as respects England and Wales and the Secretary of State for Scotland as respects Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1)(1) of the Clean Air Act 1956(2) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 13th February 1992.

Authorised fuels for the purposes of the Clean Air Act 1956

2.—(1) Schedule 1 to the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations 1991(3) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 3 after the words “Anthranor briquettes” there shall be inserted the words “and Energlo briquettes”.

(3) After paragraph 13 there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

“**13A.** Maxiflame briquettes, manufactured by Maxibrite Limited at Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan, which—

- (a) comprise anthracite fines (as to approximately 99 per cent of the total weight) and bitumen as binder (as to the remaining weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at between 270°C and 300°C;

(1) See the definitions of “authorised fuel” and “the Minister”. The powers of the Minister as respects England and Wales are now vested in the Secretary of State by virtue of S.I.1970/1681.

(2) 1956 c. 52.

(3) S.I. 1991/1282.

- (c) are cushion-shaped briquettes marked with the letters “MF” and have an average weight of 80 grammes; and
- (d) have a sulphur content of approximately 1 per cent of the total weight.

13B. New Flame briquettes, manufactured by Maxibrite Limited at Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan, which—

- (a) comprise anthracite fines and coal blends (as to 60 to 80 per cent of the total weight), petroleum coke (as to 20 to 40 per cent of the total weight), and bitumen (as to the remaining weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at between 270°C and 300°C;
- (c) are cushion-shaped briquettes and have an average weight of 80 grammes; and
- (d) have a sulphur content not exceeding 1.5 per cent of the total weight.”

(4) In paragraph 16(c) for the words “90 grammes” there shall be substituted the words “22 or 69 grammes”.

(5) After paragraph 16 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“16A. Roomheat briquettes, manufactured by Coal Products Limited at Immingham Briquetting Works, Immingham, Humberside, which—

- (a) comprise anthracite duff (as to approximately 57 per cent of the total weight), petroleum coke (as to approximately 17 per cent of the total weight), bituminous coal (as to approximately 13 per cent of the total weight) and molasses and phosphoric acid as binder (as to the remaining weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at about 300°C;
- (c) are pillow-shaped briquettes with two parallel indented lines running latitudinally around the briquette and have an average weight of 135 grammes; and
- (d) have a sulphur content not exceeding 1.5 per cent of the total weight.”

10th January 1992

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Secretary of State for the Environment

14th January 1992

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 11 of the Clean Air Act 1956 makes the occupier of a building within a smoke control area guilty of an offence if smoke is emitted from the chimney of that building unless it can be proved that the emission of smoke was caused solely by the use of an authorised fuel. These Regulations, which apply to Great Britain, amend the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations 1991 so that the following additional fuels are now authorised—

- (a) Energlo briquettes;
- (b) Maxiflame briquettes;
- (c) New Flame briquettes; and
- (d) Roomheat briquettes.

These Regulations also amend the description of the manufacture of the authorised fuel Pureheat ovoids by substituting two new alternative average weights for the fuel.