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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Measuring Instruments (Cold-water Meters) Regulations 2006

PART III

USE FOR TRADE OF COLD-WATER METERS

**Requirements for use for trade**

- 14.** No person shall use for trade a cold-water meter unless—
- (a) it is compliant with the essential requirements other than the provisions relating to maximum permissible errors referred to in paragraph 15 of Schedule 1;
  - (b) it operates within the maximum permissible errors set out in regulation 15; and
  - (c) the requirements of regulation 16 are complied with.

**Maximum permissible error**

**15.—(1)** Where a cold-water meter is used for trade within a flowrate range set out in column 1 of the following Table, it shall operate within the maximum permissible error specified for that flowrate range set out in column 2 of that Table.

(2) For the purposes of that Table,  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  and  $Q_4$  have the meanings set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1.

**Table**

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Flowrate range</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Maximum permissible error as a percentage of quantity delivered</i>
$Q_1$ to $< Q_2$	$\pm 6\%$
$Q_2$ to and including $Q_4$	$\pm 2.5\%$

**Manner of use**

- 16.—(1)** Where a cold-water meter is marked with—
- (a) a temperature range, it shall not be used for trade in temperatures outside that range;
  - (b) a flowrate range, it shall not be used for trade at a flowrate outside that range.
- (2) Where a cold-water meter bears a mark which signifies the manner and purpose of use, it shall not be used for trade in a manner or for a purpose which does not accord with that marking.
- (3) A cold-water meter shall not be used for trade in circumstances—
- (a) in which it may be prevented from operating consistently or accurately; or

- (b) which are likely prematurely to degrade its metrological characteristics.
- (4) A cold-water meter shall not be used for trade unless, when adjusted, the calibration of the instrument is set as close to zero as is practicable.