

**2009 No. 639**

**ELECTRICITY**

**The Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity (Amendment)  
Regulations 2009**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>9th March 2009</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>13th March 2009</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>6th April 2009</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of his powers under section 29 of the Electricity Act 1989(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and shall come into force on 6th April 2009.

**Amendment to the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002**

2.—(1) Regulation 1(5) of the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002(b) is amended as follows.

(2) In the definition of “British Standard Requirements” for the words from “2001 IEE Wiring Regulations” to the end substitute “2008 IEE Wiring Regulations 17th Edition (ISBN 978-0-86341-844-0)”.

9th March 2009

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(a) 1989 c.29; section 29 of the Electricity Act 1989 was amended by section 94 of the Energy Act 2004 (c.20).  
(b) S.I. 2002/2665; the definition of “British Standard Requirements” in regulation 1(5) was amended by regulation 2 of S.I. 2006/1521.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2665) (“the ESQCR”).

Regulation 2 incorporates the latest revision to the British Standard Requirements for electrical installations (BS 7671) into the ESQCR. The revision enhances the requirements for protection for persons and livestock against injury, and property against damage caused by voltage disturbances and electromagnetic influences.

The British Standard Requirements are a joint publication by the British Standards Institution and The Institution of Engineering and Technology. Copies can be obtained from The Institution of Engineering and Technology, Michael Faraday House, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 2AY.

An Impact Assessment is available and can be obtained from the Department of Energy and Climate Change’s website at: [www.decc.gov.uk](http://www.decc.gov.uk). Copies of the Impact Assessment have been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

These Regulations were notified in draft to the European Commission and the Member States in accordance with Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L204, 21.7.98, p.37), as amended by Directive 98/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L217, 5.8.98, p.18).

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