



Energy Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 52

PART 4

NEW TECHNOLOGY

CHAPTER 2

HYDROGEN GRID CONVERSION TRIALS

154 Regulations for protection of consumers

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—
 - (a) requiring a gas transporter to take specified steps to secure that consumers in a trial location are properly informed about a hydrogen grid conversion trial being conducted in the trial location;
 - (b) requiring a gas transporter to take specified steps to secure that consumers are given adequate warning of the need for their premises to be disconnected for the purposes of a hydrogen grid conversion trial;
 - (c) about the enforcement of requirements imposed by virtue of [paragraph \(a\)](#) or [\(b\)](#).
- (2) Regulations under [subsection \(1\)](#) may confer functions on gas transporters in connection with the discharge of requirements imposed by the regulations.
- (3) The provision that may be made by virtue of [subsection \(1\)\(c\)](#) includes provision for the imposition of civil penalties in respect of a failure to comply with a requirement imposed by the regulations (but does not include provision for the creation of a criminal offence).
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision designed to secure protection for consumers and other people who are affected, or likely to be affected, by a hydrogen grid conversion trial.

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- (5) The provision that may be made by regulations under [subsection \(4\)](#) includes, for example, provision—
- (a) about the making of complaints about the exercise by a gas transporter of a power conferred by a relevant statutory provision;
 - (b) about the award of redress in specified circumstances;
 - (c) imposing requirements on gas transporters or other persons to provide information to consumers and others;
 - (d) for securing that consumers and others are not required to incur expenditure, or are not otherwise financially disadvantaged, as a result of a hydrogen grid conversion trial;
 - (e) for securing fair treatment of consumers and others before, during and after a hydrogen grid conversion trial;
 - (f) about the quality of products provided to consumers and others and the quality of works carried out on premises owned by consumers and others;
 - (g) about the enforcement of requirements imposed by the regulations on gas transporters or other persons.
- (6) The provision that may be made by virtue of [subsection \(5\)\(g\)](#) includes provision for the imposition of civil penalties in respect of a failure to comply with a requirement imposed by the regulations (but does not include provision for the creation of a criminal offence).
- (7) Where regulations under this section make provision for a civil penalty, they must also include provision for a right of appeal to a court or tribunal against the imposition of the penalty.
- (8) Regulations under this section are subject to the negative procedure.
- (9) In this section—
- “consumer” and “disconnected” have the same meaning as in Schedule 2B to the Gas Act 1986 (see paragraph 1(1) of that Schedule);
- “gas transporter” means—
- (a) a gas transporter within the meaning of Part 1 of the Gas Act 1986 (see section 7 of that Act), or
 - (b) any other person who—
 - (i) is conducting a hydrogen grid conversion trial, and
 - (ii) does not require a licence under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 as a result of an exemption under section 6A of that Act;
- “hydrogen grid conversion trial” and “trial location” have the same meaning as in [section 153](#);
- “specified” means specified by regulations.

Commencement Information

II S. 154 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(d\)](#)

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