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PART 8

HEAT NETWORKS

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REGULATION OF HEAT NETWORKS

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(1) In this Chapter, “relevant heat network” means—

- (a) a district heat network, or
- (b) a communal heat network.

(2) In [this section](#)—

“communal heat network” means a heat network by means of which heating, cooling or hot water is supplied only to a single building divided into separate premises or persons in those premises;

“district heat network” means a heat network by means of which heating, cooling or hot water is supplied to two or more buildings or persons in those buildings;

“heat network” means a network that, by distributing a liquid or a gas, enables the transfer of thermal energy for the purpose of supplying heating, cooling or hot water to a building or persons in that building (and includes any appliance the main purpose of which is to heat or cool the liquid or gas).

(3) For the purposes of [subsection \(2\)](#), a network is not excluded from being a heat network only by reason of its being designed to rely wholly or in part on heat pumps particular to the buildings or premises served by the network.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend this section for the purposes of changing the definitions of “relevant heat network”, “district heat network”, “communal heat network” and “heat network”.
- (5) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.