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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Smart Meter Communication Licensee  
Administration (England and Wales) Rules 2020**

**PART 14**

Provisions of general effect

**CHAPTER 2**

Form and content of documents

**Requirement for writing and form of documents**

**168.**—(1) A notice or statement must be in writing unless the 1986 Act or these Rules provide otherwise.

(2) A document in electronic form must be capable of being—

- (a) read by the recipient in electronic form; and
- (b) reproduced by the recipient in hard copy form.

**Authentication**

**169.**—(1) A document in hard copy form is sufficiently authenticated if it is signed by the person sending or supplying it.

(2) A document in electronic form is sufficiently authenticated—

- (a) if the identity of the sender is confirmed in a manner specified by the recipient; or
- (b) where no such manner has been specified by the recipient, if the communication contains or is accompanied by a statement of the identity of the sender and the recipient has no reason to doubt the truth of that statement.