
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 231

The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992

PART II

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Provisions with respect to supply generally

Electrical inspectors

33.—(1) The Department may appoint competent and impartial persons to be electrical inspectors under this Part.

(2) The duties of an electrical inspector under this Part shall be as follows—

- (a) to inspect and test, periodically and in special cases, electric lines and electrical plant belonging to persons authorised by a licence or exemption to generate,^[F1]supply ^[F2], distribute] or participate in the transmission of] electricity;
- (b) to examine, periodically and in special cases, the generation, transmission ^[F3], distribution] or supply of electricity by such persons;
- (c) to inspect and test, if and when required by any consumer, any such lines and plant on the consumer's premises, for the purpose of determining whether any requirement imposed by or under this Part in respect of the lines or plant or the ^[F4]conveyance] of electricity through or by them has been complied with; and
- (d) such other duties as may be imposed by regulations under this Article or as the Department may determine.

(3) Regulations may—

- (a) prescribe the manner in which and the times at which any duties are to be performed by electrical inspectors;
- (b) require persons authorised by a licence or exemption to generate,^[F5]supply or participate in the transmission of] electricity—
 - (i) to furnish electrical inspectors with records or other information; and
 - (ii) to allow such inspectors access to premises and the use of electrical plant and other facilities;

^[F6](c) make provision for relieving electricity distributors from any duty under Article 19 or for authorising them to disconnect any premises or distribution system in such cases as may be prescribed;]

(d) prescribe the amount of the fees which are to be payable to such inspectors.

(4) Any fees received by electrical inspectors shall be paid to the Department.

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- F1** Words in art. 33(2)(a) substituted (3.7.2007) by Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 1(2), 65, Sch. 3 para. 11; S.R. 2007/320, **art. 2**, Sch. 1
- F2** Words in art. 33(2)(a) inserted (15.4.2011) by Gas and Electricity (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/155), **reg. 24**
- F3** Words in art. 33(2)(b) inserted (1.11.2007) by Electricity Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/321), regs. 1(2), 11(1), **Sch. 2 para. 6(a)** (with transitional provisions in Pt. IV)
- F4** Word in art. 33(2)(c) substituted (1.11.2007) by Electricity Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/321), regs. 1(2), 11(1), **Sch. 2 para. 6(b)** (with transitional provisions in Pt. IV)
- F5** Words in art. 33(3)(b) substituted (3.7.2007) by Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 1(2), 65, Sch. 3 para. 11; S.R. 2007/320, **art. 2**, Sch. 1
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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument am. (ot.prosp.) by [1998 c. 41 s.66\(5\)Sch.10 Pt.III para.7](#)
- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 41 s.66\(5\)Sch.10 Pt.V para.17](#)
- Instrument rev. in pt. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 41 ss.66\(5\),74\(3\), Sch.10, Pt.V, para.17, Sch.14, Pt.II](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 10E(7) inserted by [S.I. 2019/530 reg. 89\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Regs. 84-103 omitted (15.9.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2020/1016, regs. 1(2), 3(30))
- art. 10F(9)(10) inserted by [S.I. 2019/530 reg. 90\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Regs. 84-103 omitted (15.9.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2020/1016, regs. 1(2), 3(30))
- art. 10K(8A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/530 reg. 94\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Regs. 84-103 omitted (15.9.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2020/1016, regs. 1(2), 3(30))
- art. 11B(6)(7) inserted by [S.I. 2019/530 reg. 99\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Regs. 84-103 omitted (15.9.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2020/1016, regs. 1(2), 3(30))
- art. 18(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 5(2)(b) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 22](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- art. 31A(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/530 reg. 100\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Regs. 84-103 omitted (15.9.2020) by virtue of S.I. 2020/1016, regs. 1(2), 3(30))
- art. 65(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2006/2955 \(N.I.\) art. 3\(2\)](#)
- art. 65(3)-(5) added by [S.I. 2006/2955 \(N.I.\) art. 3\(3\)](#)