
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ELECTRICITY

The Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002

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**THE ELECTRICITY SAFETY, QUALITY
AND CONTINUITY REGULATIONS 2002**

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SCHEDULE 1 — DESIGN, COLOURS AND PROPORTIONS OF THE SAFETY SIGN

1. A safety sign shall incorporate a design, and shall be...

2. The triangle, symbol and text shall be shown in black...
3. The symbol shall not occupy more than 50 per cent...
4. A safety sign may include additional text but any such...

SCHEDULE 2 — MINIMUM HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND OF OVERHEAD LINES

SCHEDULE 3 — NOTIFICATION OF SPECIFIED EVENTS

PART I — EVENTS SPECIFIED IN REGULATION 31(2)(a)

1. Particulars relating to the person submitting the notice
2. Date on which the notice is submitted.
3. A unique and sequential reference number indicating, in respect of...
4. Particulars relating to the event
5. Date and time of event.
6. Persons involved in the event, if any—
7. Network details— (a) voltage; (b) equipment at site of event,...
8. Brief facts of the event, including, where known, the cause....
9. Details of any action which has been, or is intended...

PART II — EVENTS SPECIFIED IN REGULATION 31(2)(b)

1. Particulars relating to the person submitting the notice
2. Date on which the notice is submitted.
3. A unique and sequential reference number indicating, in respect of...
4. Particulars relating to the event
5. Date of event.
6. Person involved in the event— (a) surname and initials of...
7. Inquest determination or findings or, in Scotland, fatal accident inquiry...
8. Equipment involved in the event— (a) equipment directly involved—
9. Network and consumer's installation details— (a) voltage;
10. Whether there was evidence of amateur work.

PART III — EVENTS SPECIFIED IN REGULATION 31(2)(c) and 31(2)(e)

1. Particulars relating to the person submitting the notice
2. Date on which the notice is submitted.
3. A unique and sequential reference number indicating, in respect of...
4. Particulars relating to the event
5. Date of event.
6. Whether the person involved in the event, if any, was—...
7. Network details— (a) voltage; (b) equipment at site of event,...
8. Brief facts of the event, including the cause where known,...
9. Details of any action which has been, or is intended...

PART IV — EVENTS SPECIFIED IN REGULATION 31(2)(d)

1. Particulars relating to the person submitting the notice
2. Date on which the notice is submitted.
3. A unique and sequential reference number indicating, in respect of...
4. Particulars relating to the events

SCHEDULE 4 — NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN INTERRUPTIONS OF SUPPLY

1. Particulars relating to the person submitting the notification
2. Date on which the notification is submitted.
3. Particulars relating to the interruption of supply
4. Duration of the interruption.
5. Approximate load affected (in megawatts).
6. Number of consumers affected approximated to the nearest 100.
7. Geographical area affected.

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8. Nature and cause of the interruption.
9. Nature of any deliberate damage involved.
10. Voltage of equipment involved.
11. Type of equipment involved.

SCHEDULE 5 — REVOCATIONS

Explanatory Note

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