

D9: EED implementation in The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is in the process of implementing the Energy Efficiency through the transposition of the requirements into UK law. Where additional action is required to meet the requirements of the Directive, consultation is currently underway with stakeholders on options for implementing the relevant provisions.

Legal context

In general, the Directive will be implemented on a UK-wide basis. In a number of areas, where the Devolved Administrations in Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland have responsibility for implementation, they have pursued a UK wide approach but in certain matters implementation will, at least in part, be undertaken by the Devolved Administrations.

The intention is to deliver transposition of the Directive will be delivered through amendment of existing secondary legislation combined with new secondary legislation where appropriate.

Status of the implementation

A cross-Government Project Team has been established to take forward implementation of the Directive led by the Energy Efficiency Deployment Office in Department of Energy and Climate Change but with a membership drawn from all Government Departments with a policy interest in implementation of the Directive as well as the Devolved Administrations

The table below provides details of current plans for implementation but it should be noted that many of these proposals are still subject to public consultation and Ministerial decisions.

Article	Implementation Status
Article 3 Energy Efficiency Targets	The UK submitted its national indicative target to the Commission in April 2013. The UK target is a reduction in final energy consumption of 18% against business as usual projections by 2020 which translates to a 20% reduction in primary energy consumption
Article 4 – Building Renovation	Regulations are to be introduced placing an obligation on the Secretary of State to publish and subsequently update a Building Renovation Strategy. Work is underway to prepare the Strategy for submission to the Commission in April 2014 as part of the UK's national Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

<p>Article 5 – Exemplary Role of Public Sector</p>	<p>The UK has taken a decision to implement the alternative approach allowed for by Article 5(6) and notified to the Commission the alternative measures that we will adopt to achieve an equivalent improvement in the energy performance of the buildings within the central government estate</p> <p>Regulations were laid before Parliament on 20 December 2013 to place an obligation on the Secretary of State to adopt and meet the target.</p>
<p>Article 6 – Public Procurement</p>	<p>The Government is considering options to implement the requirements of Article 6. The expectation is that existing largely administrative measures will be placed on a legal footing.</p>
<p>Article 7 – Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme</p>	<p>The UK notified the Commission on 13 December 2013 of the measures that the UK intended to adopt in order to meet the energy saving target.</p> <p>The UK will use a combination of a supplier obligation and a range of other measures to achieve the target. The UK supplier obligation is consistent with the requirements of the Directive</p>
<p>Article 8 – Energy Audits and Energy Efficiency Management Systems</p>	<p>The requirements for mandatory auditing for large companies represent a new requirement in a UK context. The Government has consulted on the introduction of a new programme, the Energy Saving Opportunities Scheme, to fulfil the requirements of the Directive. Regulations to introduce the scheme will be laid later this year</p>
<p>Articles 9 and 10</p>	<p>Existing UK policy and legislation was largely consistent with the requirements of the Directive. The exception was the requirement for domestic consumers to have easy access to 24 months of daily, weekly, monthly and annual historical consumption data, and to have export data (where it is recorded) made available in an easily understandable format. The Government has consulted on new license conditions to enact these provisions.</p>
<p>Articles 9, 10,11 – Heat Metering</p>	<p>The Government launched a consultation setting out a range of proposals implementing the requirements of the Directive on 10 January 2014. The results of the consultation will inform Regulations to be laid before Parliament later this year</p>
<p>Articles 10 and 11 – Billing</p>	<p>Existing UK policy and legislation was largely consistent with the requirements of the Directive but a number of provisions related to the accuracy and frequency of billing will need to be enacted. The Government is currently consulting on changes to licence conditions to ensure compliance with these provisions</p>
<p>Article 12 – Consumer Information</p>	<p>The UK is already compliant with the requirements of this Article</p>

Article 14 – Co-generation	<p>Regulations are to be introduced placing an obligation on the Secretary of State to publish the Comprehensive Assessment required by Article 14(1).</p> <p>The Government will shortly be consulting on changes to the UK's existing environmental permitting regime to ensure compliance with the requirements for cost-benefit analysis set out in Article 14(5) to 14(8)</p>
Article 15 – Energy Transformation, Transmission and Distribution	<p>Great Britain is compliance with the provisions of Article 15 but regulations will be brought forward placing an obligation on the Secretary of State to publish the Assessment of Energy Efficiency Potential required by Article 15(2). Northern Ireland will introduce separate regulations to transpose aspects of Article 15.</p>
Article 16 – Availability of Qualification, Accreditation and Certification schemes	<p>The UK is compliant through existing measures</p>
Article 17 – Information Provision	<p>The UK is largely compliant through existing administrative measures but Regulations are to be introduced to place these on a legal footing by placing an obligation on the Secretary of State.</p>
Article 18 – Energy Services	<p>The UK is largely compliant through existing administrative measures but Regulations are to be introduced to place these on a legal footing by placing an obligation on the Secretary of State.</p>
Article 20 – National Fund	<p>The UK is not pursuing a National Fund</p>
Article 24 – National Energy Efficiency Action Plan	<p>Regulations are to be introduced placing an obligation on the Secretary of State to produce periodic NEEAPs and the UK Government is currently drafting the first NEEAP for submission in April 2014</p>

Additional efforts

The UK Government is committed to realising the energy efficiency opportunity in the UK. Establishing an energy efficient economy is one of our key energy and climate change priorities. as set out in the UK's Energy Efficiency Strategy which was updated in December 2013 sets out the Government's plans is to overcome the barriers to energy efficiency take up and realise the energy efficiency opportunity in the UK. This includes:

- Government action to support growth in the energy efficiency market.
- UK leadership on energy efficiency.
- Government action to expand support and choice for households, and help them cut their bills.
- Progress towards simplifying and extending support for businesses and the public sector.

- Action to connect energy efficiency measures with finance, improve understanding and raise awareness of energy efficiency.

Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive will make a significant contribution to meeting these objectives.

Future planning

The UK will continue to work towards timely transposition of the Directive's provisions by the June 2014 deadline and compliance with subsequent reporting requirements through annual progress reports and the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

Relevant information

UK Energy Efficiency Strategy – 2013 Update

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/266187/2901415_EnergyEfficiencyStrategy_acc.pdf

Regulations

The Energy Efficiency (Eligible Buildings) Regulations 2013

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/3220/made>

Energy Efficiency Directive Consultation Papers

Smart Metering Licence Conditions

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/domestic-market-licence-conditions-to-implement-the-eu-energy-efficiency-directive-provisions-on-consumer-access-to-consumption-and-export-data-from>

Heat Metering and Billing

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/implementing-the-energy-efficiency-directive-metering-and-billing-of-heating-and-cooling>

Billing of Gas and Electricity

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270979/consultation_eed_articles.pdf

Energy Audits

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/energy-savings-opportunity-scheme>