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REGULATOR FOR ENERGY AND WATER SERVICES ACT (CAP. 545)

BUILDING REGULATION ACT (CAP. 513)

Energy Efficiency and Cogeneration (Amendment) Regulations, 2016

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 37(1) of the Regulator for Energy and Water Services Act and article 6(1) of the Building Regulation Act, the Prime Minister, as Minister responsible for Energy, and the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, after consultation with the Building Regulation Board, the Regulator for Energy and Water Services, the Environment and Resources Authority and the Planning Authority, have made the following regulations:-

Citation.

S.L. 545.16

1. The title of these regulations is the Energy Efficiency and Cogeneration (Amendment) Regulations, 2016, and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Energy Efficiency and Cogeneration Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Substitutes regulation 5 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 5 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"Requirements as to Government buildings, etc. S.L. 513.01

5. (1) (a) Without prejudice to regulation 8 of the Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations, the Building Regulation Board shall take cost-effective measures, including deep renovations and measures for behavioural change of occupants, to achieve by 2020 an amount of energy savings in eligible buildings owned and occupied by Government which is at least equivalent to that required by paragraph 1 of Article 5 of Directive 2012/27/EU which amount shall be reported to the Minister on an annual basis.

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(b) The Building Regulation Board shall estimate the energy savings referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4 of Article 5 of Directive 2012/27/EU by using appropriate standard values for the energy consumption of reference central Government buildings before and after renovation and according to estimates of the surface of their stock. The categories of reference central Government buildings shall be representative of the stock of such buildings.

(c) The Minister shall notify to the Commission, the measures that are planned to be adopted and showing how they would achieve an equivalent improvement of the energy performance of the buildings within the Government estate.

(2) For the purposes of establishing equivalence of the savings required to be achieved in terms of sub-regulation (1) with the energy savings referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4 of Article 5 of Directive 2012/27/EU, the Building Regulation Board in collaboration with the Government Property Division shall establish and make publicly available an inventory of heated and, or cooled central government buildings with a total useful floor area over 250 m^2, excluding buildings exempted on the basis of paragraph 2 of Article 5 of Directive 2012/27/EU, containing the following data:

(a) the floor area in m^2; and

(b) the energy performance of each building or relevant energy data.

(3) The Building Regulation Board shall encourage public bodies, including at regional and local level, and social-housing bodies governed by public law, with due regard for their respective competences and administrative set-up, to:

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(a) adopt an energy efficiency plan, free-standing or as part of a broader climate or environmental plan, containing specific energy saving and efficiency objectives and actions, with a view to following the exemplary role of Government buildings laid down in sub-regulations (1) and (2);

(b) put in place an energy management system, including energy audits, as part of the implementation of their plan;

(c) use, where appropriate, ESCOs, and energy performance contracting to finance renovations and implement plans to maintain or improve energy efficiency in the long term.".

Amends regulation 10 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation (1) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(1) The Minister shall promote the availability to all final customers of high quality energy audits which are cost-effective and carried out in an independent manner by qualified and, or accredited experts according to qualification criteria."; and

(b) in sub-regulation (2) thereof, for the words "in sub-regulation (1)(a)" there shall be substituted the words "in sub-regulation (1)".

Amends regulation 17 of the principal regulations.

4. In sub-regulation (6) of regulation 17 of the principal regulations, for the words "in the Tenth Schedule" there shall be substituted the words "in the Eleventh Schedule".

Amends regulation 19 of the principal regulations.

5. In sub-regulation (3) of regulation 19 of the principal regulations, for the words "The entrusted parties" there shall be substituted the words "The Minister".

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