The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 12(2) of the Consumer Safety Act 1978(a), hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Consumer Safety Act 1978 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1986.

2. Subsection (1) of section 10 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Consumer Safety Act 1978 shall come into force on 8th August 1986 for the purpose of repealing the enactments and instrument mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Order to the extent specified in the second column of that Schedule.

Michael Howard,
Parliamentary Under-
Department of Trade and Industry.

24th July 1986.

(a) 1978 c. 38.
The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 7(3), 8(2) and 47(3)(a) of the Gas Act 1986(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gas (Authorisation Application) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 23rd August 1986.

2. An application for an authorisation under section 7 or 8 of the Gas Act 1986 shall be made in the following manner, that is to say—

(a) the application shall be in writing and shall specify the name of the applicant in full and the address of his place of abode or, in the case of a body corporate, of their registered or principal office;

(b) the application shall describe—
   (i) the kind of gas to be supplied;
   (ii) in the case of an application for an authorisation under section 7 of the Act, the area to which the application relates by reference to a map; and
   (iii) in the case of an application for an authorisation under section 8 of the Act, the nature and situation of the premises to be supplied and the likely annual rate of supply to those premises;

(c) the application shall be signed by or on behalf of the applicant and addressed to—
   (i) in the case of an application for an authorisation under section 7 of the Act, the Secretary of State for the time being discharging the functions conferred on the Secretary of State by that section at his principal office; and
   (ii) in the case of an application for an authorisation under section 8 of the Act, the Director General of Gas Supply at his principal office;

(d) the application shall be accompanied by a statement describing the supply of gas for which authorisation is applied for which—
   (i) includes particulars of the source of the gas to be supplied, particulars of the transmission and distribution of that gas to the premises to be

The Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b).

The Consumer Protection Act 1971(c).

The Consumer Protection and Advice (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(d).

EXPLANATORY NOTE
(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into force on 8th August 1986 section 10(1)(b) and Schedule 3 to the Consumer Safety Act 1978 for the purpose of repealing section 3(2A) and (2B) of the Consumer Protection Act 1961 and section 3(3) and (4) of the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965, which relate to the defence of due diligence and proceedings against persons other than the principal offender (the so-called "by-pass" procedure).

8th August 1986 is the date of coming into force of the Consumer Safety (Amendment) Act 1986 (c. 29), section 12(5) and (6) of which contain provisions which are to apply in place of the repealed provisions of the 1961 and 1965 Acts. The repealed provisions were substituted in the 1961 and 1965 Acts by, respectively, the Consumer Protection Act 1971, and Article 3 of the Consumer Protection and Advice (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which are also repealed on the same date.

All the provisions of the 1978 Act, with the exception of section 10(1) and Schedule 3, were brought into force on 1st November 1978 by the Consumer Safety Act 1978 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1445).

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(a) 1961 c. 40.
(b) 1965 c. 14 (N.I.).
(c) 1971 c. 15.
(d) S.I. 1977/595 (N.I. 6).

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supplied and particulars of any arrangements to be made with consumers of that gas; and

(ii) specifies the steps to be taken by the applicant to protect the public from dangers arising from such transmission and distribution and the use of the gas to be supplied; and

(e) where the applicant has prepared statements of the accounts kept by him in respect of any undertaking carried on by him showing the state of affairs accompanied by the statements for the last period in respect of which such statements have been prepared.

3. A copy of the notice of an application for an authorisation under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 required by subsection (3)(a) of that section to be given within 14 days after the making of the application to any public gas supplier whose authorised area includes the whole or any part of the area to which the application relates shall be published within that period —

(a) if any part of the area to which the application relates is in England or Wales, in the London Gazette;

(h) if any part of that area is in Scotland, in the Edinburgh Gazette; and

(c) in a newspaper circulating in each part of that area.

Peter Walker,
Secretary of State for Energy.


EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the manner of making an application for an authorisation to supply gas through pipes under sections 7 (authorisation of public gas suppliers) and 8 (authorisation of other persons) of the Gas Act 1986 and the manner of publishing a copy of a notice of an application for an authorisation under section 7 of the Act pursuant to subsection (3)(h) of that section.

The Secretary of State to whom applications for authorisations under section 7 of the Act should be addressed is presently the Secretary of State for Energy and his principal office is at Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ.

The principal office of the Director General of Gas Supply to whom applications for authorisations under section 8 of the Act should be addressed is expected, at the time these Regulations come into operation, to be Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QT.