

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
FISHERIES AND FOOD
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND FISHERIES FOR SCOTLAND
WELSH OFFICE
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of sections 1, 7(1)(a), (b) and (c) and (2), 23(f) and (g) of the Animal Health Act 1981(a) that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, have made the following Order:

*The Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Amendment)
Order 1993 (SI 1993 No. 1194)*

This Order amends the Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1978, by substituting new Schedules for Schedules 1 and 2 to that Order (Article 2(a) and (b)). Schedule 1, which lists approved disinfectants, includes newly approved disinfectants, and Schedule 2 lists disinfectants which are now omitted from Schedule 1 but which may nevertheless continue to be used as approved disinfectants until 30th June 1993 (Article 2(c)).

Copies of the above-mentioned Order may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HB, or 71 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9AZ, price £2.40. (20 SI)

**HOME-GROWN CEREALS
AUTHORITY**

Statement Issued Pursuant to the Corn Returns Act 1882, as Amended, and the Corn Returns (Delegation of Functions) Order 1981 (No. 142).

The following are the quantities sold and average prices of British corn per tonne of 1,000 kilograms computed from returns received by the Home-Grown Cereals Authority in the week ended 28th May 1993. They are based on purchases from growers during the week ended 20th May 1993, by merchants carrying on business in prescribed areas in England and Wales.

<i>British Corn</i>	<i>Quantities sold (tonnes)</i>	<i>Average price per tonne (£)</i>
Wheat	24,059.8	134.30
Barley	6,606.8	128.80
Oats	164.1	150.20
Rye	—	—
Maize	—	—

Home-Grown Cereals Authority,
Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill,
London N19 5PR.

(21 SI)

OFGAS

*Notice of Proposal to Modify Condition 13A of British Gas
Authorisation by Agreement*

The Director General of Gas Supply (hereafter called "the Director") pursuant to section 23(2) of the Gas Act 1986 (c44) (hereafter referred to as "the Act") hereby gives notice as follows:

1. The Director proposes to make modifications of Condition 13A of the Authorisation dated 28th July 1986, which has effect as if granted under section 7 of the Act to British Gas public limited company (hereafter referred to as "British Gas"), to the effect set out below—

(a) for paragraph 2 there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"2. The standards of performance so established (in this Condition referred to as "the established standards") shall, in particular—

- (a) govern the making of visits to customer's premises and the response to complaints and enquiries made in person, by telephone, in writing or otherwise in respect of gas supply services; and
- (b) take into account the interests of those who are disabled or of pensionable age."

(b) for paragraph 5 there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"5.(1) The Supplier shall establish and shall operate a scheme for compensating persons affected by failures to meet the established standards.

(2) The scheme so established shall provide for the Supplier making to any such person by way of compensation a specific sum and any such further compensation as may be appropriate.

(3) The scheme so established shall provide, in any case where a dispute as to the making of compensation under the scheme arises, between Supplier and a tariff customer of the Supplier, for the Supplier to inform the other party to the dispute of the functions of the Director relative to the determination of such a dispute."

(c) in paragraph 6(b), for the words "in such manner as will secure adequate publicity for them" there shall be substituted the words "in such form and manner as the Director may direct";

(d) for paragraph 7 there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"7. The Supplier shall, as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year ending on 31st December 1993, and of each subsequent financial year, furnish to the Director and publish, in such form and in such manner as the Director may direct—

(a) a report on—

(i) the levels of performance achieved by the Supplier in that year in relation to the established standards; and
(ii) the operation of the compensation scheme during that year;

(iii) such research as the Supplier has carried out with a view to discovering the views of representative samples of persons on the levels of performance so achieved and the operation of the compensation scheme in that year; and

(b) a statement of the levels of performance proposed to be achieved by the Supplier in the ensuing financial year in relation to the established standards."

(e) in paragraph 8(1) for the words "7(2)(b)" there shall be substituted the words "7(b) above".

2.(1) The reasons why the Director proposes to make the modifications are as follows—

(a) in the case of the modification set out in paragraph 1(a) above, to require the standards of performance established by British Gas to take into account the interests of those who are disabled or of pensionable age;

(b) in the case of the modification set out in paragraph 1(b) above, to require the compensation scheme established by British Gas to provide for the payment by way of compensation of specific sums and such further sums as may be appropriate and, in the case of disputes, for British Gas to inform the other party of the functions of the Director relative to the determinations of disputes, that is to say the functions of the Director under section 31 (duty to investigate certain matters) and 28 (orders for securing compliance with certain provisions) of the Act;

(c) in the case of the modification set out in paragraph 1(c) above, to require British Gas to publish the established standards and particulars of the compensation scheme in such form and manner as the Director may direct;

(d) in the case of the modifications set out in paragraph 1(d) and (e) above, to remove spent provisions as to the furnishing of required reports to require British Gas to publish such reports in such form and manner as the Director may direct, to require British Gas to include in future reports a report on research carried out by British Gas as to the views of representative samples of persons on the level of performance and the operation of the compensation scheme in the year to which a report relates and to make a consequential change.

(2) a further reason why the Director proposes to make the modifications set out in paragraph 1(b) to (d) above is to impose requirements on British Gas similar to the requirements that might be imposed on it, if the powers of the Director under section 33A (and in the particular subsections (3)(a) and (4)) of the Act to make regulations prescribing standards of performance, had been exercised.

3. Any representations or objections, with respect to the proposed modifications may be made to the Director at the office of Gas Supply, Stockley House, 130 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1LQ, before 31st August 1993.

Director General of Gas Supply

3rd June 1993.

(1 SI)