

Statutory Document No. 2024/0027



*Gas Regulation Act 1995*

## **GAS REGULATION (PREVENTION OF DISCONNECTIONS) ORDER 2024<sup>1</sup>**

*Approved by Tynwald: 21 February 2024  
Coming into Operation in accordance with article 2*

The Council of Ministers, having consulted with the Communications and Utilities Regulatory Authority as required by virtue of paragraph 3(5B) of Schedule 2 to the Gas Regulation Act 1995, makes the following Order under paragraph 3(5A) of Schedule 2 to that Act.

### **1 Title**

This Order is the Gas Regulation (Prevention of Disconnections) Order 2024.

### **2 Commencement**

This Order comes into operation on the day after it is made<sup>1</sup>.

### **3 Interpretation**

In this Order —

“**pensionable age**” has the same meaning given by the rules in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act 1995<sup>2</sup> (as that Act has effect in the Island);

“**the relevant period**” means the period of time from 1 October to 31 March in each year;

“**vulnerable tariff customer**” has the meaning given in article 4.

### **4 Vulnerable tariff customer**

(1) A vulnerable tariff customer means a tariff customer of a public gas supplier who —

(a) is of pensionable age;

<sup>1</sup> Tynwald procedure – affirmative in accordance with section 16(8) of the Gas Regulation Act 1995.

<sup>2</sup> 1995 c. 26.

- (b) is entitled to a disability living allowance under Part III of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (as that Act of Parliament is applied to the Island);
  - (c) is in receipt of a War Disablement Pension under The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011<sup>3</sup>;
  - (d) shares a household with a child under 6 years of age; or
  - (e) shares a household with anyone to whom sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) applies.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), “**shares a household**” means that both the tariff customer and the person referred to live in the same household as their primary place of residence.

## 5 Supply of gas

- (1) A public gas supplier must not cut off the supply of gas to premises during the relevant period if —
- (a) it knows;
  - (b) it reasonably suspects; or
  - (c) had it made reasonable enquires, it would have known or suspected,
- the premises to be the premises of a vulnerable tariff customer.
- (2) Where the supply of gas has been cut off in contravention of paragraph (1), the public gas supplier must not recover any expenses so incurred.

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<sup>3</sup> SI 2011/517.

## ENDNOTES

### Table of Endnote References

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<sup>1</sup> The format of this legislation has been changed as provided for under section 75 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the Legislation Act 2015. The changes have been approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Clerk of Tynwald as required by section 76 of the Legislation Act 2015.