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I, DARRAGH O'BRIEN, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the functions conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving effect to Article 15(4) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018¹, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation and construction

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (District Heating) Regulations 2022.

(2) The Building Regulations 1997 to 2021 and these Regulations may be cited together as the Building Regulations 1997 to 2022 and shall be construed together as one.

Definition

2. (1) In these Regulations –

“Directive” means Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018¹ on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources;

“efficient district heating and cooling” means a district heating or cooling system using at least –

- (a) 50% renewable energy,
- (b) 50% waste heat,
- (c) 75% cogenerated heat, or
- (d) 50% of a combination of such energy and heat.

(2) A word or expression used in these Regulations and which is also used in the Directive has, unless the context otherwise requires, the same meaning in these Regulations as it has in that Directive.

3. The minimum levels of energy from renewable sources, referred to in Article 15(4) of the Directive, may be fulfilled through efficient district heating and cooling using a significant share of renewable energy and waste heat and cold.

¹ OJ No. L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
25 October, 2022.

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