

8. After the expiration of ten years from the period hereby fixed for the acquisition by each Company of the stamped Gasholder, balances, indices and testing apparatus, as hereinbefore provided, all Meters whatever in use at the expiration of the said period, and not previously stamped, shall be examined, tested and stamped, if found correct under the provisions of this Act; and any person who shall after the time hereby fixed, knowingly use any Meter which has not been so stamped as aforesaid, shall, on conviction, forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; and it shall be lawful on such conviction to order such stamped Meter to be seized and destroyed; Provided always that in every case where any Meter remaining unstamped contrary to the provisions of this section, shall be a Meter belonging to and furnished by the Company for the use of the consumer, then, and in that case, the Company shall be subject to the obligations and liable to the penalties hereby imposed, and not the consumer.

9. The following rules shall be observed in testing Meters under the provisions of this Act:

*Firstly*,—The Meter shall be tested for soundness or leakage only, and not for percentage of error, when fixed on a horizontal base, and with Gas under a pressure equal to a column of water three inches high, with a light or lights consuming not more than one twentieth part of its measuring capacity, per hour, marked thereon, nor less than one half of a cubic foot per hour for all Meters of a measuring capacity not exceeding one hundred cubic feet per hour, and not more than one fortieth part of its said measuring capacity per hour for all Meters of any greater measuring capacity per hour than one hundred cubic feet; and all Meters found to work under such test shall be deemed sound Meters—and any Meter found not to work under such test shall not be stamped.

*Secondly*,—The Meter to be tested for percentage of error shall be fixed on a horizontal base, and shall be tested at a pressure equal to a column of water five-tenths of an inch high—and passing the quantity of Gas or atmospheric air per hour which shall be marked thereon as its measuring capacity per hour; and the water used in such testing, and the air of the room in which such testing shall be made, shall be as nearly as possible of the same temperature as the Gas or air passed through the Meter.

10. No Meter shall be stamped which shall be found by the Inspector to register, or be capable of being made by any contrivance for that purpose, or by increase or by decrease of the water in such Meter, or by any other means practically prevented in good Meters, to register quantities varying from the true standard measure of Gas more than two per centum in favor of the seller, or three per centum in favor of the consumer; and every Meter, whether stamped or unstamped, which shall be found by such Inspector to register, or be capable of being made to register quantities varying beyond the limits aforesaid, shall be deemed incorrect within the meaning of this Act; and every Meter which shall be found by such Inspector to measure and register quantities accurately or not varying beyond the limits aforesaid, and shall be found incapable by any such means as aforesaid of being made to register quantities varying beyond the limits aforesaid, shall be considered to be correct, and be stamped as aforesaid in such manner, and on such part of the Meter as shall be specially directed by the authority appointing him, or in default of such direction as shall in his opinion best prevent fraud;

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