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I, DARRAGH O'BRIEN, Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1162 of 6 June 2023<sup>1</sup> hereby make the following regulations:

*Citation*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Internal Market in Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

*Interpretation*

2. In these Regulations –  
“2022 Regulations” means the European Union (Internal Market in Electricity) (No.2) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 37 of 2022);

*Amendment of Regulation 2 of the 2022 Regulations*

3. Regulation 2 of the 2022 Regulations is amended as follows:

(a) by inserting the following definitions into paragraph (1)-

“‘Commission Implementing Regulation’ means Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1162 of 6 June 2023<sup>1</sup> on interoperability and non-discriminatory and transparent procedures for access to metering and consumption data;

‘data access provider’ means a party responsible for facilitating access, including in cooperation with other parties, to validated historical metering and consumption data by the final customer or by eligible parties;

‘identity service provider’ means a party that manages identity information; issues, stores, protects, keeps up to date, and manages identity information for a natural or legal person and provides authentication services to eligible parties and final customers;

‘metering and consumption data’ means meter readings of electricity consumption from the grid, or electricity fed into the grid, or consumption from on-site generation facilities which are connected to the grid, and includes validated historical data and non-validated near-real time data;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 154 15.6.2023 pg, 10

‘metered data administrator’ means a party responsible for storing validated historical metering and consumption data and distributing these data to final customers and/or eligible parties;

‘metering point administrator’ means a party responsible for administering and making available the characteristics of a metering point, including the registrations of eligible parties and final customers linked to the metering point;

‘near real-time data consumption system’ means a system or device that obtains the flow of non-validated near realtime data from a smart metering system as referred to in Article 20, first subparagraph, point (a) of Directive (EU) 2019/944;

‘near real-time metering and consumption data’ means metering and consumption data provided continuously by a smart meter or a smart metering system in a short time period, usually down to seconds or up to the imbalance settlement period in the national market, which is non-validated and made available through a standardised interface or through remote access in line with Article 20(a) of the Electricity Directive (EU) 2019/944;

‘permission administrator’ means a party responsible for administering a register of data access permissions for a set of metering points, making this information available to final customers and eligible parties in the sector, on request;

“personal data” means personal data as defined in Article 4 of the Data Protection Regulation;”

‘reference model’ means the procedures that are necessary for access to data describing the minimum required information exchange between market participants;

‘Smart Meter Data Access Code’ means the code referred to in Regulation 6 of the 2022 Regulations;

‘validated historical metering and consumption data’ means historical metering and consumption data collected from a meter, a conventional meter or a smart meter, or a smart metering system, or completed with substitute values that are determined otherwise in case of meter unavailability;

- (b) by substituting the following definition for the definition of “eligible parties”:

“‘eligible party’ means an entity offering energy-related services to final customers, such as suppliers, transmission and distribution system operators, delegated operators and other third parties, aggregators, energy service companies, renewable energy communities, citizen energy communities and balancing service providers, as far as they offer energy related services to final customers;”

- (c) by substituting the following for paragraph (2):

“(2) In these Regulations, a reference to “Article” is a reference to an Article of the Directive and a reference to “Annex” is a reference to an Annex of the Directive, unless otherwise specified.”

*Amendment of Regulation 3 of the 2022 Regulations*

4. Regulation 3 of the 2022 Regulations is amended by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph (14):

“(15) The Commission shall implement a reference model for metering and consumption data-

that sets out the rules and procedures in accordance with the Commission Implementing Regulation adopted pursuant to Article 24 of the Directive, that shall apply to enable interoperability and ensure the reference model is included in the Smart Meter Data Access Code. The Commission shall update the reference model as required to reflect any future implementing acts.

(16) In accordance with the Commission Implementing Regulation adopted pursuant to Article 24 of the Directive, the Commission shall report to the Minister the national practices regarding the implementation of the interoperability requirements and procedures for access to data.

For these purposes, the Commission shall-

- (a) maintain information regarding the roles and responsibilities related to the national market and ensure it is made publicly available;
- (b) advise the Minister on the appropriate reporting of national practices for the purposes of meeting interoperability requirements.

(17) The Commission shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Smart Meter Data Access Code referred to in Regulation 6.”

*Amendment of Regulation 6 of the 2022 Regulations*

5. Regulation 6 of the 2022 Regulations is amended as follows:

(a) by substituting for paragraph (3) the following:

“(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Smart Meter Data Access Code shall –

- (a) specify the rights of access to data for final customers and third parties acting on their behalf,
  - (b) specify the smart meter data that may be transferred to eligible parties,
- and
- (c) specify the manner in which eligible parties are to have access to data and the reasonable and

duly justified charges which shall be payable by the eligible parties.”

- (b) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following paragraphs:
- “(6) The distribution system operator shall collect and process smart meter data including event data, and instrumentation data and validated historical consumption data, and near real-time metering and consumption data from a near real-time data consumption system, for the purposes of managing the distribution network, including grid development and management, managing smart meters and related activities, facilitating the services of an eligible party to the final customer, and providing other services to final customers.
- (7) The distribution system operator shall collect and process smart meter data including event data, and instrumentation data and validated historical consumption data, and near real-time metering and consumption data from a near real-time data consumption system, for the purposes of complying with its license conditions as distribution system operator, its obligations as data access provider or otherwise under the Smart Meter Data Access Code.”

*Amendment of Regulation 7 of the 2022 Regulations*

6. The Regulations of 2022 are amended by substituting for Regulation 7 the following:

- “7. (1) In order to promote competition in the retail market and to avoid excessive administrative costs for eligible parties, the Commission shall facilitate the full interoperability of energy services within the European Union.
- (2) The Commission shall be the body to delegate the roles of metered data administrator, metering point administrator, data access provider permission administrator, and identity service provider, as set out in Articles 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Commission Implementing Regulation and the Annex thereto to meet the interoperability requirements.”



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
9 December, 2025.

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