



# CHPQA – Metering Requirements: Uncertainty

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# Applicability to CHPQA

- The uncertainty of your monitoring arrangement must be reported to CHPQA when applying via the complex form route: F3 or F2+F4
- The overall uncertainty ( $U_o$ ) of each metered or calculated energy input/output is required in forms: F3 or F2
- Uncertainty adjustment factors ( $F_{OI}$ ,  $F_{OP}$  and  $F_{OH}$ ) are required on Form F4. These are used to correct for excess uncertainties.

Q6 : CHP Scheme Efficiency	
See GN24.2.	
UNCERTAINTY ADJUSTMENT FACTORS	
Please enter the uncertainty adjustment factors derived in accordance with the relevant standard.	
Fuel Uncertainty Adjustment Factor FOI:	<input type="text" value="1.0921"/>
Power Uncertainty Adjustment Factor FOP:	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Heat Uncertainty Adjustment Factor FOH:	<input type="text" value="0.9012"/>



# Relevant CHPQA Guidance

- Guidance on uncertainty (and bias) is provided in the following detailed CHPQA guidance notes:

**GN13** – CHP Scheme Monitoring Information

**GN17** – Uncertainty in Metered Inputs and Outputs

**GN18** – Uncertainty in Calculated Energy Inputs and Outputs

**GN19** – Adjustment of Energy Inputs and Outputs for Excessive Uncertainty

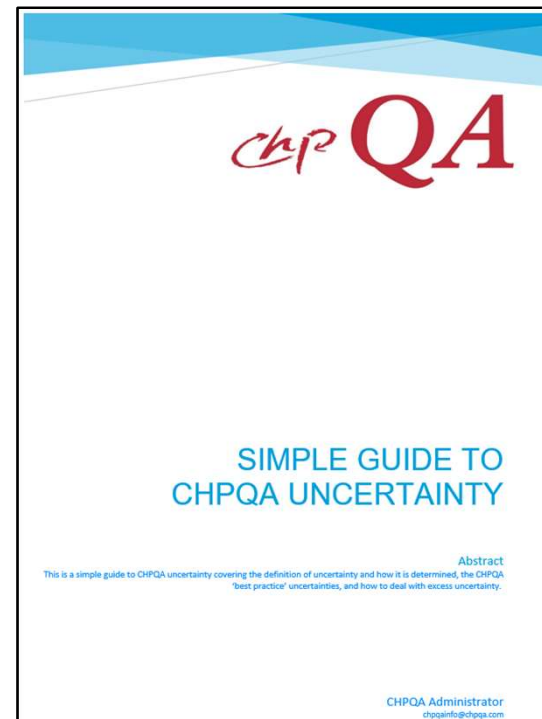
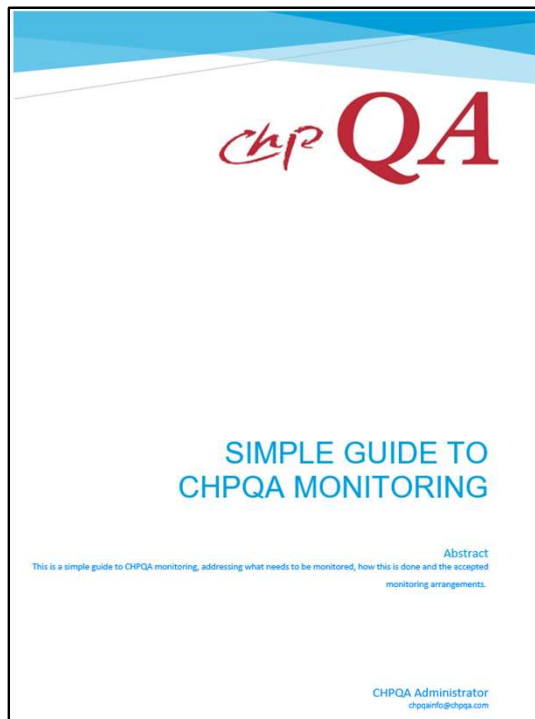
**GN23** – Correction of Bias in Inputs and Outputs Information

- Found online at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/chpqa-guidance-notes>



# New Simple Guidance

- Two new simplified guides related to metering:
  - Simple Guide to CHPQA Monitoring
  - Simple Guide to CHPQA Uncertainty





# What is uncertainty?

- Any measurement is subject to imperfections, uncertainty is a quantitative indication of the quality of a measured value.
- Uncertainty is expressed as a range  $\pm n\%$  of the measured value.
- For the purposes of CHPQA, this is defined as:

*the range of values, within which there is a high probability (usually >95%) that the true value of a measured (or calculated) variable is estimated to lie.*



# What is uncertainty?

## Example

A manufacturer of a flow meter states that the uncertainty of their device is  $\pm 2\%$ .

The flow meter records a water flowrate of 10l/s through a pipe.

The true flowrate through the pipe is therefore likely (greater than 95% probability) to lie within the range of 9.8l/s and 10.2l/s (an error band of  $\pm 0.2$ l/s).



# What is uncertainty?

- The overall uncertainty ( $U_o$ ) of a meter must include for all of its components
- A heat meter has four components: a flowmeter and two thermocouples, plus a calculator or transmitter
- Similarly, steam metering utilises a flow device, pressure and temperature sensors and a transmitter
- Overall uncertainty is determined by the root-sum-square (RSS) method as set out in GN17.24-17.25
- The overall uncertainty ( $U_o$ ) of such a heat meter becomes:

$$U_o = \sqrt{U1^2 + U2^2 + U3^2}$$





# % of Reading vs Full-scale

- Uncertainty of metered values can be quoted in two ways: % of reading and % of full-scale reading
- Full-scale reading is the maximum value that the meter can record.
- An uncertainty of  $\pm 1\%$  of full-scale reading becomes an uncertainty of  $\pm 2\%$  of the actual reading at 50% output.
- GN13.11 sets out uncertainty requirements of steam flows in terms of % reading and % full-scale



# Relevance to CHPQA

- Monitoring of values (fuel, heat and power) determines a CHP Scheme's performance
- The fiscal benefits available to a CHP Scheme are dependant on its performance
- Low uncertainty in monitored values gives confidence that a Scheme's performance is being correctly determined and hence correct benefits received
- Conversely, high uncertainty casts doubt on measured values



# Relevance to CHPQA

- CHPQA must therefore correct a CHP Scheme's performance for any excess uncertainty
- CHPQA have developed what it considers 'best practice' limits to uncertainty.
- Where uncertainty exceeds 'best practice', Uncertainty Adjustment Factors ( $F_{OI}$ ,  $F_{OP}$  and  $F_{OH}$ ) must be applied.

$F_{OI}$  – Energy Inputs

$F_{OP}$  – Power Outputs

$F_{OH}$  – Heat Outputs



# CHPQA best practice

➤ CHPQA have set out what it deems as best practice limits to uncertainty for all energy inputs and outputs.

➤ See table in GN13.11

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuel Inputs, kWh</li> </ul>	±2.0% of reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy <u>inputs</u> as steam or hot water, kWh</li> </ul>	As for steam or hot water as appropriate (see below)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heat metering, of hot water, thermal fluid or other liquid heat circulating loops, kWh,</li> </ul>	Metering to BS EN 1434-1:2007, metrological Class 3 (typically 4.5% of reading) or better, with concessions for Schemes with TPC <2MWe), see GN16.15 – 16.16. The Measuring Instrument Directive MID 2004/22/EC Annex MI-004 is based on BS EN 1434-1:2007.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metering of steam flows and derivation of energy content, kWh</li> </ul>	±2.0% of full scale ±3.0% of reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric power, kWh</li> </ul>	Metering to applicable BS and Class dependant on rating, see GN15.7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indirect measurement or calculation of energy input or output, kWh</li> </ul>	±2.0% of value, except for heat outputs from Schemes with TPC <2MWe where ±5.0% of value applies.



# CHPQA best practice - electricity

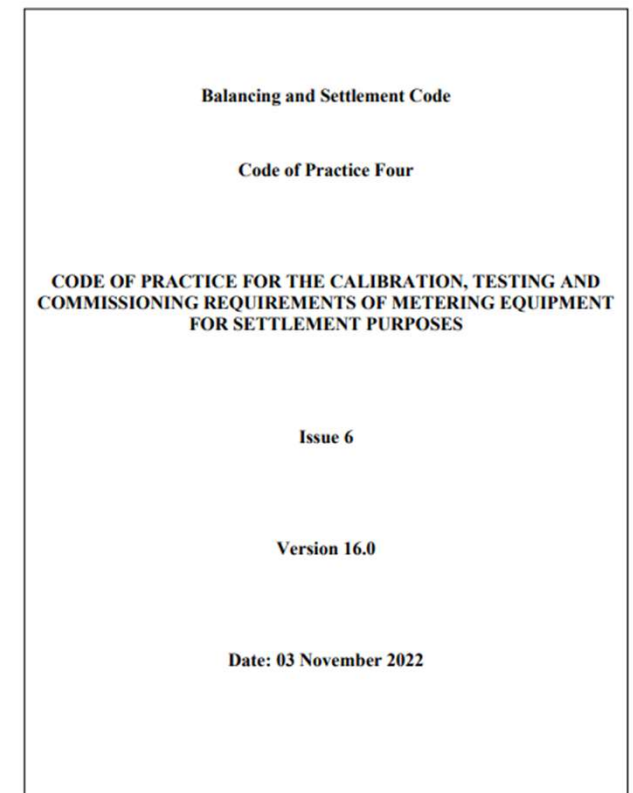
- Uncertainty (or class) requirements specific to power meters are detailed separately in Table GN15-1.

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**Table GN15-1 – Classification of Electricity Metering Equipment**

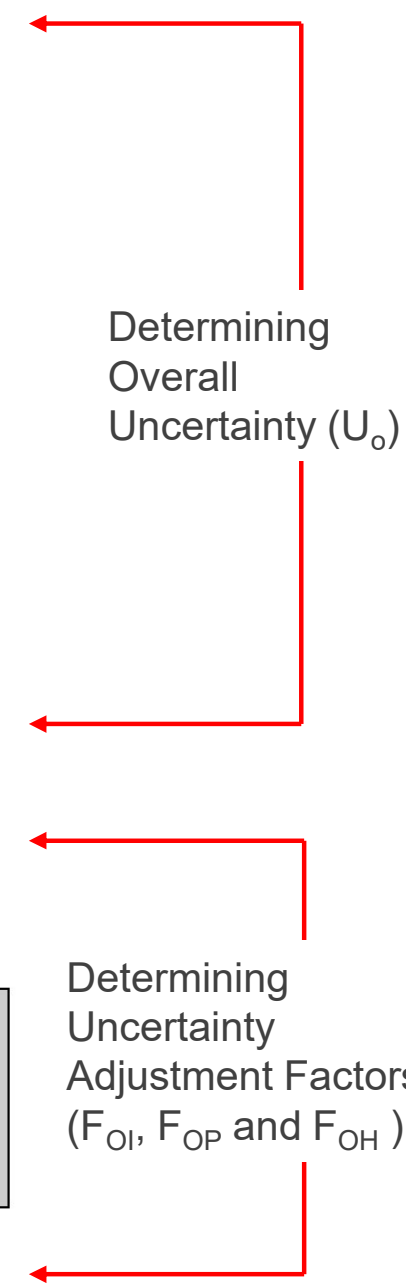
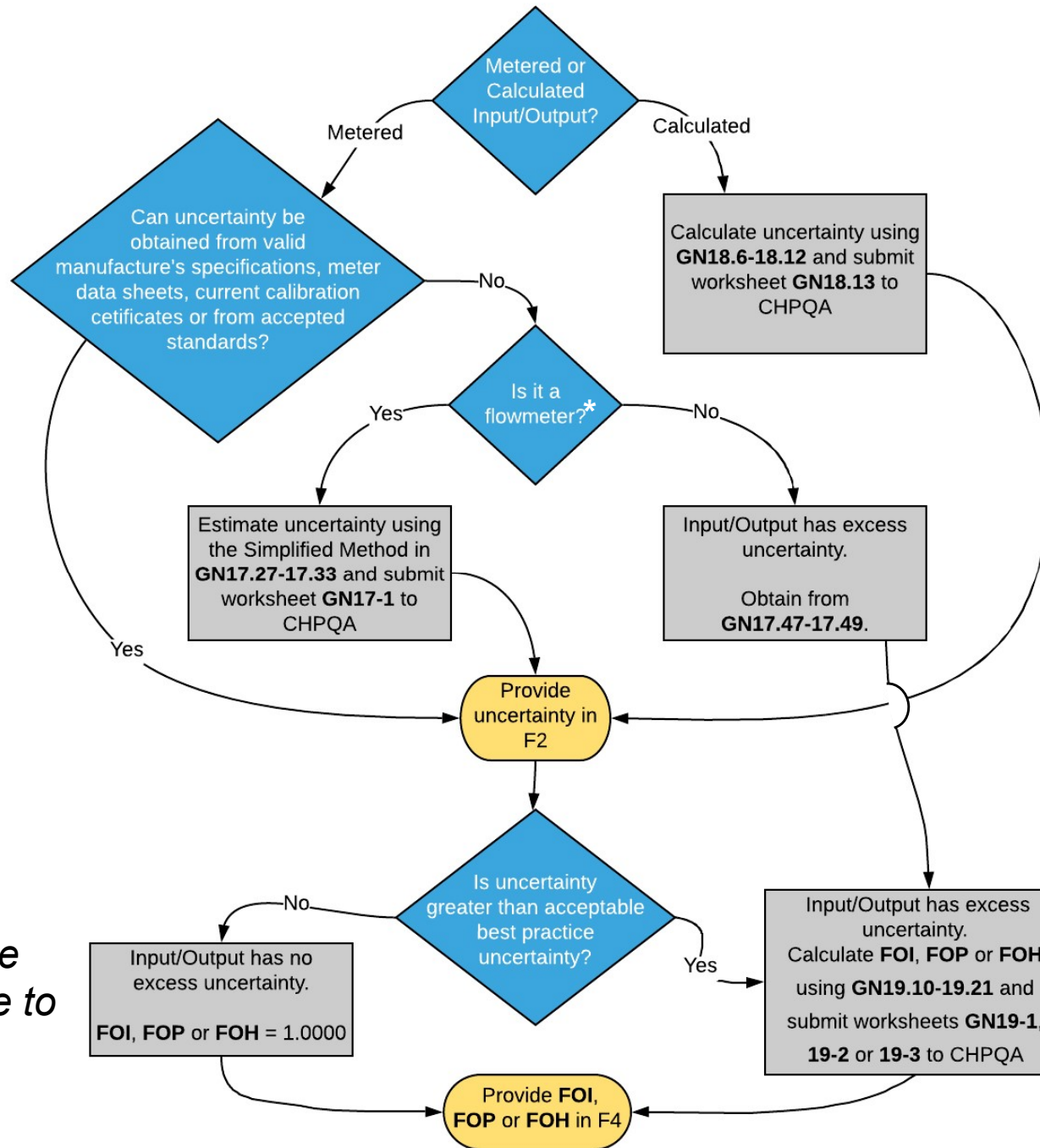
Rated Capacity	Watt-Hour Meter Standard and Accuracy Class	Current Transformer Accuracy Class (Note 1)	Voltage Transformer Accuracy Class (Note 2)	Nominal Overall Uncertainty for CHPQA (Note 3)
>100 MVA	BS EN 62053 (2003) Class 0.2S	0.2S	0.2	±0.5%
<100 MVA	BS EN 62053 (2003) Class 0.5S	0.2S	0.5	±1.0%
<10 MVA	BS EN 62053 (2003) Class 1	0.5	1	±1.5%
≤1 MW	BS EN 62053 (2003) Class 2	0.5	1	±2.5%



- Refer also to the Balancing and Settlement Code.



# Uncertainty Flowchart

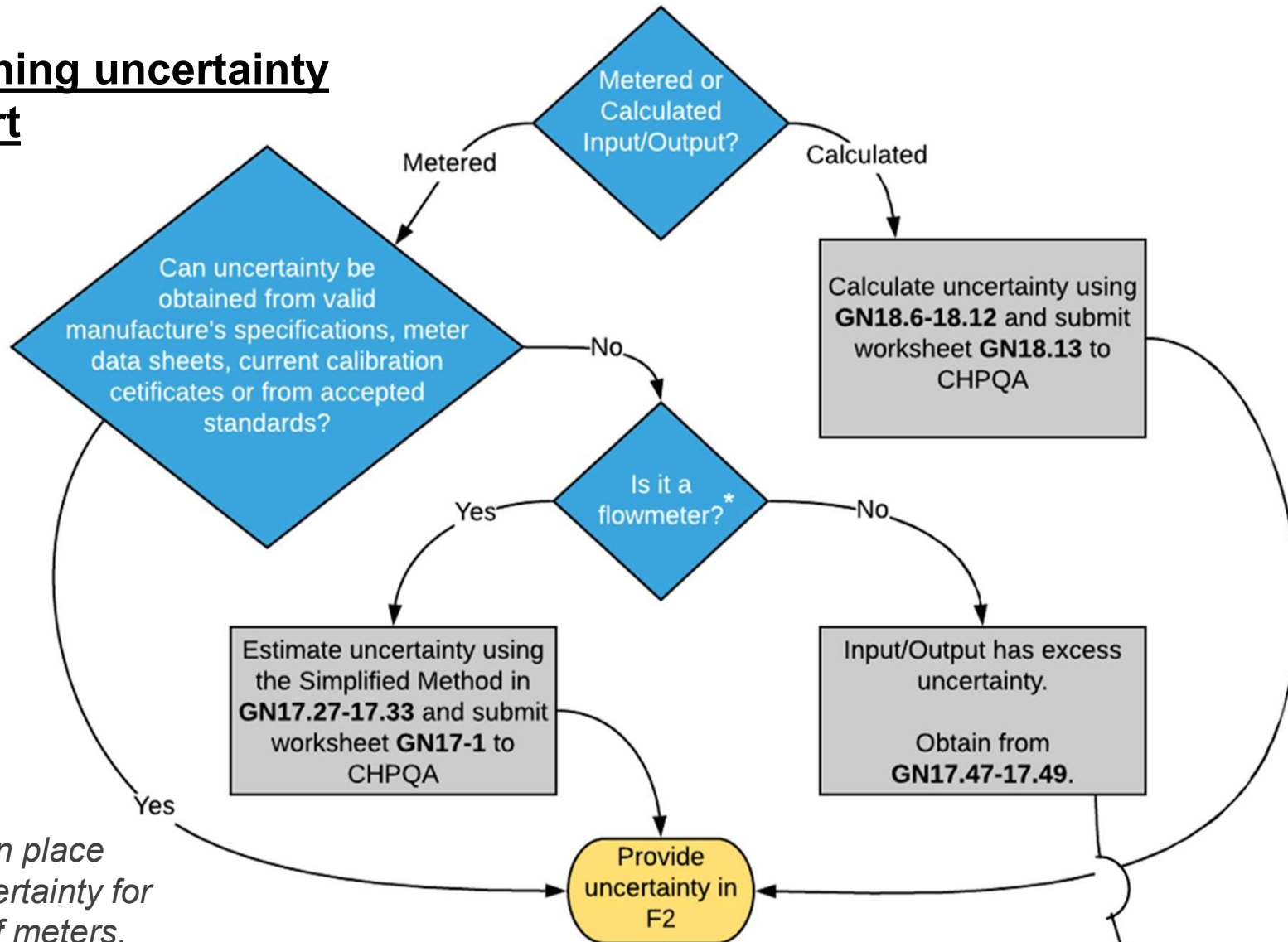


*Flowchart from the new Simple Guide to Uncertainty*



# Determining uncertainty

## Determining uncertainty flowchart

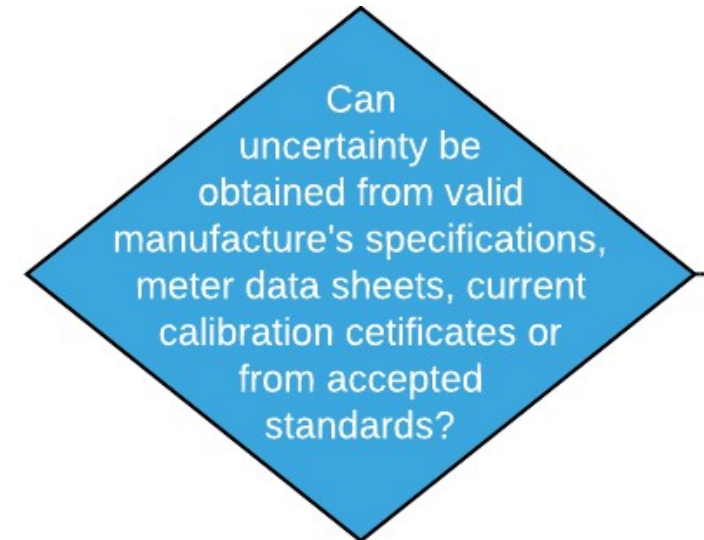


*\*No method in place estimate uncertainty for other types of meters.*



# Determining uncertainty

- In majority of cases, it should be possible to determine uncertainty at this point.
- Accepted sources:
  - Confirmation from manufacturer
  - Meter data sheets
  - Current calibration certificates
  - Fiscal meters should be within best practice – though you must have confirmation from your supplier

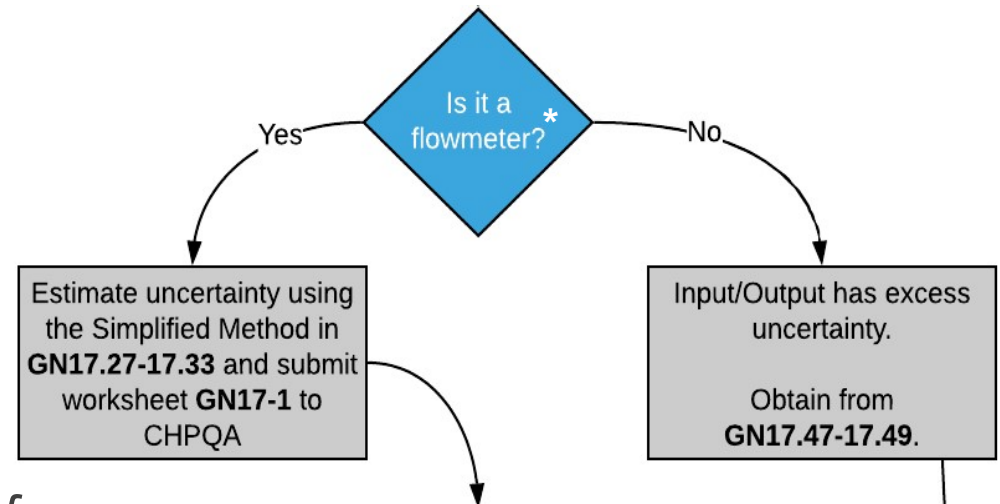






# Determining uncertainty

- Calculated energy inputs/outputs must determine uncertainty using GN18.6-18.12
- CHPQA have developed a Simplified Method of determining uncertainty for flow meters – see GN17.27-17.33.
- For other meter types, excess uncertainty is automatically imposed – see GN17.47-17.49.



*\*There is no method in place estimate uncertainty for other types of meters, therefore an automatic excess uncertainty is applied.*



# Determining uncertainty

- Simplified Method set out in GN17.27-17.33
- Note the effect of lack of calibration on uncertainty in tables GN17-3:

<b>Time elapsed since transmitter calibration</b>	<b>Effective Uncertainty</b>
≤ 2 years	0.0
> 2 – 3 years	2.0
> 3 – 5 years	4.0
> 5 years	10.0

and GN17-4:

<b>Time elapsed since calibration or inspection</b>	<b>Effective Uncertainty U<sub>e</sub></b>
≤ 5 years	0.0
> 5 – 7 years	3.0
> 7 – 10 years	7.0
> 10 years	10.0



# Determining uncertainty

- The uncertainty of each energy input or output of your monitoring arrangement is requested in Question 5 of form F2 (or Q6 of F3).

Provide  
uncertainty in  
F2

Q5 : Scheme Details (Monitoring Arrangements)

See: GN13 , 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 & 22

- Use this table to list all existing and proposed metering stations (including the meters by which you are billed) for your Scheme inputs and outputs. See GN12.7 to GN12.13
- Identify each meter by tag number using the notation in the Guidance Notes. (Each meter should be identified on your Scheme line and energy flow diagrams) See GN12.3
- Provide details of all export metering (heat and electricity). See GN15.10 to GN15.14 & GN16.5 & GN16.7
- Attach details of any indirect methods used to derive unmetred inputs or outputs (include below the monitoring upon which these rely). See GN20 to GN22
- Identify the meter uncertainty % (= 100 - accuracy of reading %), attach supporting calculations. See GN17 & GN18

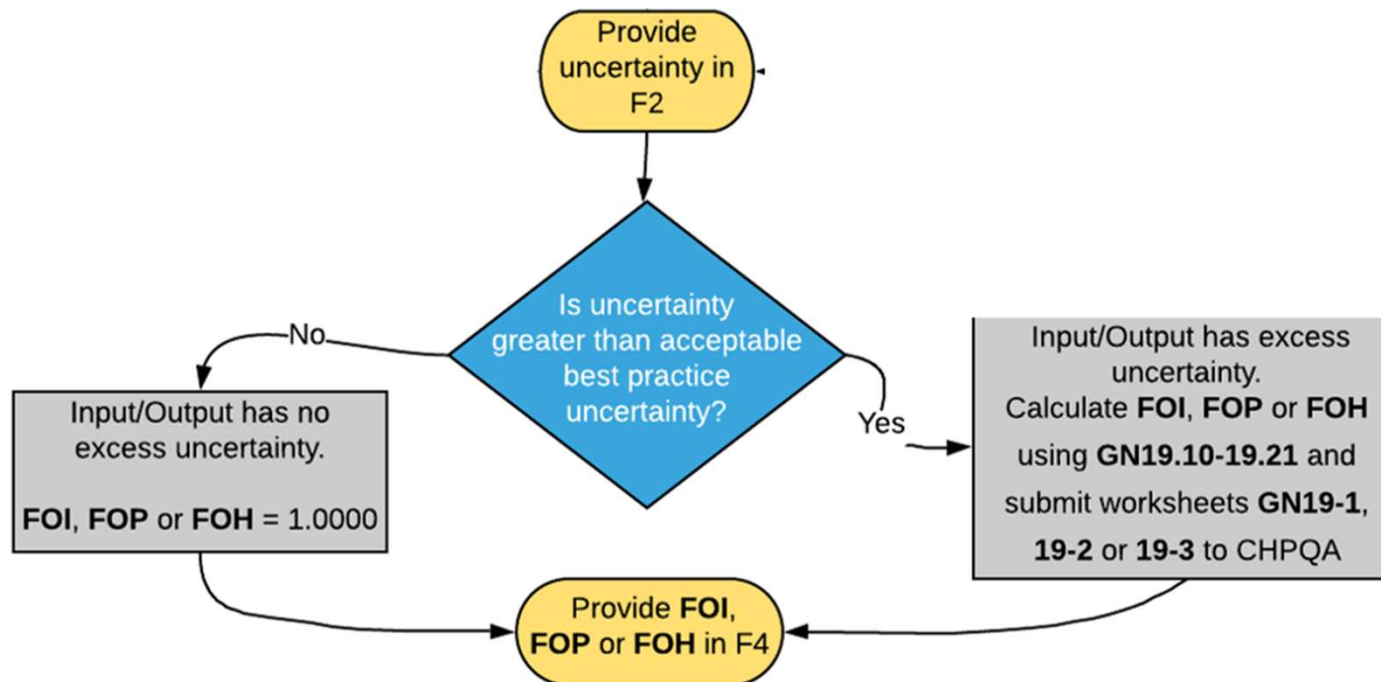
Tag prefix	Tag no.	User tag	Year installed	Metered service	Range	Outputs	Units	Uncertainty +/-	
M	1	M1(FcQ)	2018	Fuel	80-1600	m3/hr		% 1.55	delete
		Model type	Example Gas Turbine Meter	MPR meter	Yes	MPR no.	9339232669	Serial no.	1509112935
M	2	M2(EQ)	2018	Electricity	N/A	MWh		% 1.55	delete
		Model type	Example Power Meter - Class 2	MPR meter	No	MPR no.	N/A	Serial no.	6243972
M	3	M3(HQ)	2018	Heat	0.6-30000	m3/hr		% 1.05	delete
		Model type	Example Heat Meter	MPR meter	No	MPR no.	N/A	Serial no.	5351234

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two decimal  
places



# Excessive uncertainty

- Compare uncertainty against best practice stated in GN13.11 and GN15-1.
- If the uncertainty of an energy input/output exceeds best practice, it is deemed to have excessive uncertainty (UX).





# Excessive uncertainty

- Excess uncertainty is simply the difference between the overall uncertainty of the energy input/output ( $U_o$ ) and the best practice uncertainty (UBP).

If  $U_o > \text{UBP}$ , then  $\text{UX} = U_o - \text{UBP}$

If  $U_o \leq \text{UBP}$ , then  $\text{UX} = 0.00$

Where  $U_o$  = Uncertainty of value,  $\text{UBP}$  = Best practice uncertainty and  $\text{UX}$  = Excess uncertainty.



# Uncertainty Adjustment Factors

## $F_{OI}$ , $F_{OP}$ and $F_{OH}$

- If an energy stream (fuel, heat or power) has no excessive uncertainty, we essentially apply no uncertainty adjustment factor:

$$F_{OI}, F_{OP} \text{ and } F_{OH} = 1.0000$$

- This must include for all inputs/outputs of that energy stream!
- Where there is excessive uncertainty associated with energy input/output,  $F_{OI}$ ,  $F_{OP}$  and  $F_{OH}$  must be determined using GN19.10-19.21.

Input/Output has no  
excess uncertainty.

**$F_{OI}$ ,  $F_{OP}$  or  $F_{OH} = 1.0000$**

Input/Output has excess  
uncertainty.

Calculate  **$F_{OI}$ ,  $F_{OP}$  or  $F_{OH}$**   
using **GN19.10-19.21** and  
submit worksheets **GN19-1,**  
**19-2 or 19-3** to CHPQA



# Uncertainty Adjustment Factors

## $F_{OI}$ , $F_{OP}$ and $F_{OH}$

- Uncertainty adjustment factors are requested in Question 6 of the F4 form.
- Note that they act to reduce heat and power efficiencies – hence reducing QI.

Provide FOI, FOP or FOH in F4

**Q6 : CHP Scheme Efficiency**

See GN24.2.  
UNCERTAINTY ADJUSTMENT FACTORS  
Please enter the uncertainty adjustment factors derived in accordance with GN19.

Fuel Uncertainty Adjustment Factor FOI:

Power Uncertainty Adjustment Factor FOP:

Heat Uncertainty Adjustment Factor FOH:

Power Efficiency =  $100 \times ( \text{CHP}_{\text{TPO}} \times F_{\text{OP}} ) / ( \text{CHP}_{\text{TPI}} \times F_{\text{OI}} )$   
 $\eta_{\text{POWER}} = 100 \times ( 18285 \times 1 ) / ( 104055 \times 1.0921 ) = 16.09 \%$

Heat Efficiency =  $100 \times ( \text{CHP}_{\text{QHOX}} \times F_{\text{OH}} ) / ( \text{CHP}_{\text{TPI}} \times F_{\text{OI}} )$   
 $\eta_{\text{HEAT}} = 100 \times ( 61258 \times 0.9012 ) / ( 104055 \times 1.0921 ) = 48.58 \%$

Report to four decimal places

Adjustment factors reduce power and heat efficiencies



# Management of uncertainty

- Uncertainty adjustment factors act to reduce the performance of a scheme. It is therefore in your best interests to minimise uncertainty.
- Optimise your CHPQA performance – keep calibrated! Develop an appropriate calibration schedule.
- Alternatively, meters may be replaced for new if this works out to be more economical.
- Evidence of current calibration certificates and a calibration schedule will be requested on site audit.





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