

Factories (Medical Examinations) (Amendment) Regulations 1997

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FACTORIES ACT (CHAPTER 104)

FACTORIES (MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 69 and 102 of the Factories Act, the Minister for Labour hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Factories (Medical Examinations) (Amendment) Regulations 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1997.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1)(b) of the Factories (Medical Examinations) Regulations (Rg 6) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting the words “organophosphates or vinyl chloride” and substituting the words “perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, organophosphates or vinyl chloride monomer”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. The principal Regulations are amended by renumbering regulation 3 as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, any reference to the health of a person shall, where that person is pregnant, include the health of the unborn child which that person is carrying.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “3 days” in the seventh line and substituting the words “30 days”.

Amendment of regulation 5

5. The principal Regulations are amended by renumbering regulation 5 as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Chief Inspector may, in cases where he considers expedient, require any person to be examined at intervals different from those specified in Part II of the First Schedule.”.

Amendment of regulation 6

6. The principal Regulations are amended by renumbering regulation 6 as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) The audiometric examinations under these Regulations shall be carried out by persons who have undergone a course of training in audiometric screening approved by the Chief Inspector.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

7. The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is deleted and the following

Schedule substituted therefor:

“FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(3)

PART I

<i>Nature of occupation</i>		<i>Medical examinations and investigations to determine fitness for employment in the occupation</i>	
1.	Occupations involving the use or handling of or exposure to the fumes, dust or vapour of —		
(a)	arsenic or any of its compounds	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of arsenic poisoning, skin cancer and lung cancer
		(ii)	A full size chest x-ray examination
		(iii)	Urine arsenic examination
		(iv)	Liver function tests including serum bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, gamma glutamyl transpeptidase, alanine and aspartate aminotransferase estimations
(b)	cadmium or any of its compounds	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of cadmium poisoning
		(ii)	Blood cadmium estimation
		(iii)	Urine Beta ₂ -microglobulin estimation
(c)	lead or any of its compounds	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of lead poisoning
		(ii)	For inorganic lead exposure, haemoglobin and blood lead estimation

		(iii)	For organic lead exposure, urine lead estimation
(d)	manganese or any of its compounds	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of manganese poisoning
		(ii)	Urine manganese estimation
(e)	mercury or any of its compounds	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of mercury poisoning
		(ii)	Urine mercury estimation
2.	Occupations involving the use or handling of or exposure to the fumes or vapour of —		
(a)	benzene	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of benzene poisoning
		(ii)	Urine phenol estimation
		(iii)	Haemoglobin estimation and full blood count
		(iv)	Peripheral blood film
(b)	perchloroethylene	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of perchloroethylene poisoning
		(ii)	Urine trichloroacetic acid estimation
		(iii)	Liver function tests including serum bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, gamma glutamyl transpeptidase, alanine and aspartate aminotransferase estimations
(c)	trichloroethylene	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of trichloroethylene

			poisoning
		(ii)	Urine trichloroacetic acid estimation
		(iii)	Liver function tests including serum bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, gamma glutamyl transpeptidase, alanine and aspartate aminotransferase estimations
(d)	organophosphates	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of organophosphate poisoning
		(ii)	Red blood cell acetylcholinesterase estimation
(e)	vinyl chloride monomer	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of vinyl chloride effects
		(ii)	Liver function tests including serum bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, gamma glutamyl transpeptidase, alanine and aspartate aminotransferase estimations
3.	Occupations involving the use or handling of or exposure to tar, pitch, bitumen or creosote		A clinical examination of the skin and lungs
4.	Occupations involving the use or handling of or exposure to the dust of —		
(a)	asbestos	(i)	A clinical examination for signs and symptoms of asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma
		(ii)	A full size chest x-ray examination
(b)	raw cotton	(i)	A clinical examination for signs