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HEALTH AND SAFETY

QUARRIES

Quarries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made	*15th May 1992*
Coming into operation	*29th June 1992*

The Department of Economic Development being the Department concerned(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 45(1), (2) and 55(2) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with Article 46(1) of that Order with the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland and such other bodies as appeared to it to be appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Quarries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 29th June 1992.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Quarries (Safety, Health, Equipment and Explosives) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1962(**c**).

Amendments to the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

2. The Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**d**) shall have effect subject to the following amendments:

(*a*) in Article 6(1)(a)(ii) for the words "pounds per square inch" there shall be substituted "bars".

(*b*) in Article 6(1)(a)(iii) for the words "40 pounds per square inch" there shall be substituted "3 bars".

Amendments to regulations to substitute metric measurements for imperial measurements

3. The provisions of the principal Regulations specified in column 1 of the Schedule shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

(**a**) *See* Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(**b**) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962 No. 180
(**d**) 1983/150 (N.I. 4)

Application to existing premises and plant or premises and plant under construction

4. Where any premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirement of the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 and the principal Regulations as then in operation, then those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 and the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 15th May 1992.

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