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HEALTH AND SAFETY

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Mines (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made	*5th June 1991*
Coming into operation . .	*5th August 1991*

The Department of Economic Development, being the Department concerned(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 45(1) and (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 and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mines (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 5th August 1991.

Amendments to substitute metric measurements for imperial measurements — the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 and regulations thereunder

2.—(1) The provisions of the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**c**) specified in column 1 of Parts I and II of Schedule 1 shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite therein in column 2 of that Schedule the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 3 of that Schedule; so however that the amendments set out in Part II of that Schedule shall not apply to shafts sunk, or as the case may be, lengths of road made, before these Regulations come into operation.

(2) The provisions of the Coal and Other Mines (Ventilation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**d**) specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 2 of that Schedule the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 3 of that Schedule; so however that the amendments set out in Part II of that Schedule shall not apply to stoppings constructed before these Regulations come into operation.

(**a**) *See* Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(**b**) 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(**c**) 1969 c. 6 (N.I.)
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 125

(3) Where under this regulation a measurement is required to be substituted in any provision for a measurement which occurs more than once in that provision, the substitution shall be made in each place where it occurs.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 5th June 1991.

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