1990 No. 5

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Shipbuilding etc. (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made . . . . . *10th January 1990*

Coming into operation . . *5th March 1990*

The Department of Economic Development being the Department concerned(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 17(1) and (3), 45 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 appear to it to be appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Shipbuilding etc. (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 5th March 1990.

(2) In these Regulations, "the principal instruments" means the Regulations and Order amended by these Regulations, that is to say:—

the Shipbuilding and Ship-repairing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971(**c**);

the Shipbuilding (Lifting Appliances etc. Forms) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975(**d**).

Amendments to the principal instruments to substitute metric measurements for imperial measurements

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

Application to existing premises and plant

3. Where any premises or plant, in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal instruments as then in force, then those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of the principal instruments as amended by these Regulations.

(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.) 1971 No. 372
(d) S.R. 1975 No. 191

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 10th January 1990.

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THE SCHEDULE Regulation 2

Amendments to Provisions

1 *Provision to be amended*	2 *Subject-matter of measurement or expression*	3 *Present measurement or expression*	4 *Measurement or expression to be substituted*
The Shipbuilding and Ship-repairing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971			
Regulation 2(2)(*a*)	Length of vessel	one hundred feet	30 metres
	Depth of vessel	nine feet six inches	2.9 metres
Regulation 2(2)(*b*)	Length of ship	one hundred feet	30 metres
	Depth of ship	nine feet six inches	2.9 metres
Regulation 2(2)(*c*)	Length of vessel	one hundred feet	30 metres
	Depth of vessel	nine feet six inches	2.9 metres
Regulation 3	Flash point of oil	two hundred and seventy degrees Fahrenheit	132 degrees Celsius
Regulation 6(*b*)	Height of guard-rails in ship construction	three feet	920 millimetres
	Height of guard-rails in other operations	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres
	Height of toe-board above floor	six inches	150 millimetres
Regulation 7(1)	Height of fencing	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres
Regulation 8(1)	Width of ladder or gangway	twenty-two inches	560 millimetres
	Height of fencing	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres

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Regulation 9(2)(*a*)	Position of top step of ladder	twelve inches	300 millimetres
Regulation 12(3)	Width of footway	eighteen inches	460 millimetres
Regulation 13(1)(*d*)	Position of top of ladder	two feet six inches	760 millimetres
Regulation 16(2)	Extension of planks forming stages	eighteen inches	460 millimetres
Regulation 23 (heading)	Height of stages	six feet six inches	2 metres
Regulation 23(1)	Height of stages	six feet six inches	2 metres
Regulation 23(2)(*c*)(i)	Width of stages	eighteen inches	460 millimetres
Regulation 23(2)(*c*)(ii)	Distance liable to fall Width of stages	twenty-five feet twenty-seven inches	7.5 metres 685 millimetres
Regulation 23(3)(*a*)	Height of guard rail	three feet	920 millimetres
Regulation 23(7)	Width of stages	twenty-seven inches	685 millimetres
Regulation 24(1)	Height of fencing Height of fencing	three feet two feet six inches	920 millimetres 760 millimetres
Regulation 25(1)	Height of coaming Height of fencing	two feet six inches three feet	760 millimetres 920 millimetres