1989 No. 300

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Construction (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989

Made . . . . . *27th July 1989*

Coming into operation . . *1st October 1989*

The Department of Economic Development being the Department concerned(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 17(1) and (3), 45(1) and (2) and 55(2) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**b**) and of every 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 Construction (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1989.

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

the Work in Compressed Air Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(**c**);

the Construction (General Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(**d**);

the Construction (Lifting Operations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(**e**);

the Construction (Lifting Operations) Reports Order (Northern Ireland) 1963(**f**);

the Construction (Lifting Operations) Certificates Order (Northern Ireland) 1963(**g**);

the Construction (Lifting Operations) Prescribed Particulars Order (Northern Ireland) 1963(**h**);

the Construction (Working Places) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**i**).

(**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.) 1963 No. 85
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 87
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 86
(**f**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 132
(**g**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 131
(**h**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 130
(**i**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 175

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2. The provisions of the principal instruments specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 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.

Additional amendments to the Work in Compressed Air Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963

3.—(1) For Table I (Decompression Table) annexed to the Schedule to the Work in Compressed Air Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963 there shall be substituted the table in Part I of Schedule 2 and in that latter table ''unit of pressure'' means a pressure of 69 millibars.

(2) For Table III (Table for ascertaining deductions) annexed to the Schedule to the Work in Compressed Air Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963 there shall be substituted the Table in Part II of Schedule 2.

Application to existing premises or plant and premises or 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 requirements of the principal instruments as then in force, those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal instruments as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 27th July 1989.

(L.S.) *Suzanna Cooper*
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE 1 regulation 2

Amendments to the Principal Instruments

1 *Provision to be amended*	2 *Subject matter of provision*	3 *Present measurement*	4 *Measurement to be substituted*
Work in Compressed Air Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963			
Regulation 2(2)	Application of Regulations	two pounds per square inch	150 millibars
Regulation 3	Interpretation — ''pressure''	pounds per square inch	millibars
Regulation 7	Air supply plant	ten cubic feet	0.3 cubic metres
Regulation 8(4)	Size and equipment of man-locks	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 9(3)	Use of man-locks	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 10(1)	Lock attendants and Rules as to compression or decompression	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 10(4)		fifty pounds per square inch	3450 millibars
Regulation 10(5)		eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars

Regulation 12(1)	Temperature in working chamber	eighty degrees Fahrenheit	27 degrees Celsius
Regulation 14(3)	Medical supervision and certification	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 17	Health Facilities	forty pounds per square inch	2750 millibars
		eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 18(1)	Medical Lock	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 18(2)		six feet	1.83 metres
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Regulation 19	Supply of Labels	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 20	Notification to Hospitals	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Regulation 21	Supply of Hot Drinks	eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
The Schedule			
Part I	Rules as to Compression		
Rule 1		five pounds per square inch	350 millibars
Rule 3		ten pounds per square inch	700 millibars

Part II	Rules as to Decompression		
Rule 6 — proviso (*b*)		five pounds per square inch	350 millibars
Rule 7(1)		eighteen pounds per square inch	1250 millibars
Rule 7(2)		fifty pounds per square inch	3450 millibars
Construction (General Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963			
Regulation 8(1)(*a*)	Supply and use of timber	four feet	1.20 metres
Regulation 9(1)	Inspections and examinations of excavations, etc.	six feet six inches	2 metres
Regulation 9(4)(*a*)		four feet	1.20 metres
Regulation 13	Fencing of excavations, etc.	six feet six inches	2 metres
Regulation 27(1)	Clearance	twenty yards	20 metres
Regulation 27(3)		three feet six inches six feet six inches	1.10 metres 2 metres
Regulation 28	Gantries	six feet six inches three feet	2 metres 910 metres
Construction (Lifting Operations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963			