1984 No. 55

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Hoists and Lifts (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

Made	*1st March 1984*
Coming into operation . . .	*1st June 1984*

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 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 Hoists and Lifts (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1984.

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

the Factories (Exemption of Hoists) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967(**c**);

the Office and Shop Premises (Hoists and Lifts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**d**).

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2. The provisions of the principal instruments 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.

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

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, 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 for Northern Ireland on 1st March 1984.

(L.S.) *Trevor Pearson*
Assistant Secretary

(**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.) 1967 No. 125
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 26

SCHEDULE Regulation 2

Amendments to Principal Instruments

1 *Provision to be amended*	2 *Subject matter of measurement*	3 *Present measurement*	4 *Measurement to be substituted*
Factories (Exemption of Hoists) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967			
Schedule			
Paragraph 2, Column 2	Height of platform above ground or floor	six feet six inches	2 metres
Paragraph 2, Column 3	Height of platform above ground or floor	six feet six inches	2 metres
	Minimum height of suitable guard-rails	three feet	920 millimetres
Paragraph 3, Column 1	Height of cage or platform	six feet six inches	2 metres
Paragraph 3, Column 3	Minimum height of enclosure	seven feet	2.2 metres
Paragraph 4, Column 1	Height of platform	six feet six inches	2 metres
Paragraph 6, Column 1	Height of opening above floor or ground	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres
Paragraph 6, Column 3	Height of fixed enclosure	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres