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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Office and Shop Premises (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made . . . . . *21st September 1983*

Coming into operation . . . *21st December 1983*

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 Office and Shop Premises (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 21st December 1983.

(2) In these Regulations, "the principal Act and instruments" means the Office and Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(c) and the instruments amended by these Regulations, that is to say—

the Office and Shop Premises (Washing Facilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(d);

the Office and Shop Premises (Sanitary Conveniences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(e);

the Office and Shop Premises (Information for Employees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(f);

the Office and Shop Premises (Exemption) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967(g).

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2.—(1) In section 5(2) of the Office and Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (which relates to overcrowding) there shall be substituted—

(*a*) for the words "square feet", the words "square metres";

(*b*) for the word "forty", the figure "3.7";

(*c*) for the words "cubic feet", the words "cubic metres";

(*d*) for the words "four hundred", the figure "11".

(2) The provisions of the principal Act and 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.

(a) *See* Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(b) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(c) 1966 c. 26 (N.I.)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 188
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 195
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 334
(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 186

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland on 21st September 1983.

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