1982 No. 185

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and Safety (Foundries etc.) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made	*23rd June 1982*
Coming into operation	*23rd August 1982*

The Department of Manpower Services, 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(**a**) 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 Health and Safety (Foundries etc.) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 23rd August 1982.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" mean the Regulations to be amended by these Regulations, that is to say—

the Blasting (Castings and Other Articles) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950(**b**);

the Iron and Steel Foundries Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955(**c**);

the Non-ferrous Metals (Melting and Founding) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(**d**).

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2. The provisions of the principal Regulations 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.

Applications 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 Regulations as then in force, those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland on 23rd June 1982.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950 No. 205 (p. 215)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955 No. 193 (p. 141)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 46

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Amendments to Regulations

1 *Regulation to be amended*	2 *Subject matter of measurement*	3 *Present measurement*	4 *Measurement to be substituted*
Blasting (Castings and Other Articles) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950			
Regulation 12(3)	Minimum rate at which clean air to be supplied to helmet	six cubic feet per minute	170 litres per minute
Regulation 17(2)	Minimum distance from blasting enclosure	twenty feet	6 metres
Iron and Steel Foundries Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955			
Regulation 5	(*a*) Distance from the spout of cupola or furnace within which work not to be carried out	twelve feet	4 metres
	(*b*) Distance from ladle within which work not to be carried out	eight feet	2.4 metres
Regulation 6(1)(*c*)	Minimum width of certain gangways	three feet	920 millimetres
Regulation 6(1)(*d*)(i)	Minimum amount gangways shall be wider than overall width of ladle	two feet	600 millimetres
Regulation 6(1)(*d*)(ii)	Minimum width of certain gangways	three feet	920 millimetres