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Agriculture (Power Take-off) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

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The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 17(1), (2), (4) and 46(1) of and paragraphs 1(1)(*a*) and 1(2) of Schedule 3 to 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 the Department to be appropriate, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Power Take-off) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1981.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

"agriculture" includes horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming, livestock breeding and keeping, forestry, the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land, market gardens and nursery grounds, and the preparation of land for agricultural use;

"agricultural unit" means land occupied as a unit for agricultural purposes;

"power take-off" means the splined shaft, with or without a spline adaptor, of any tractor intended for transmitting power to any machine by means of the power take-off shaft of that machine;

"power take-off shaft" means, as respects any machine, its shaft (including any couplings, clutches and components rigidly attached to the shaft, up to the first fixed bearing of the machine) intended for attachment to the power take-off of any tractor;

"worker" means a person employed under a contract of service and "employer" and "employed" shall have corresponding meanings.

(2) Any vehicle having a splined shaft intended for transmitting power to any machine by means of the power take-off shaft of that machine shall be deemed to be a tractor for the purposes of these regulations.

Guarding of power take-off

3.—(1) A person shall not sell or let on hire a tractor for use in agriculture in Northern Ireland unless the power take-off of that tractor is guarded in accordance with paragraph (2)(*a*).

(2) The employer of a worker employed in agriculture shall not cause or permit to be used on an agricultural unit on which such worker is employed, and a worker

(a) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)