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HEALTH AND SAFETY

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture (Safety of Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . *8th January 1981*

Coming into operation . . . *16th February 1981*

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

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Safety of Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 16th February 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;

"approved", in relation to a safety cab, means approved in accordance with the Agriculture (Tractor Cabs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**b**);

"child" means an individual who has not attained the age of thirteen years;

"enclosed", in relation to a safety cab, means a roll-over protection structure which is enclosed and secured in such a manner as to prevent a person who drives the tractor to which such safety cab is affixed from falling from that tractor;

"safety cab" means a cab which is of rigid construction and is designed so as to protect the driver of a tractor to which it is fitted from being crushed if that tractor should overturn.

(2) In these regulations a reference to a tractor, machine, implement, trailer or other vehicle includes any drawbar, towbar or coupling which may be used for the purpose of or in connection with its towing or propulsion.

Riding on vehicles and machines

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a child shall not ride on a vehicle or machine of a kind which is set out in the Schedule while that vehicle or machine is being used in the course of any operations in connection with agriculture or is travelling or being transported to or from the site of such operations.

(**a**) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(**b**) S.R. 1981 No. 5