1980 No. 438

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and Safety (Animal Products) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . *4th December 1980*

Coming into operation . . . *2nd February 1981*

The Department of Manpower Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 45(1) 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 appeared 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 (Animal Products) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1981.

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

(*a*) The Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905(**b**);

(*b*) The Horsehair Regulations 1907(**c**);

(*c*) The Hides and Skins Regulations 1921(**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.

Application to existing plant

3. Where the dimensions of any plant in existence immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations complied with the requirements of the principal regulations as then in force in so far as they related to the dimensions of that plant, then those dimensions shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of the principal regulations as amended by these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland on 4th December 1980.

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Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9) — (brought into operation on 1st May 1979 by S.R. 1978 No. 384 (C. 21) (II, p. 1421))
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1905 No. 1293 (I, p. 90)
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1907 No. 984 (p. 15)
(**d**) S.R. & O. 1921 No. 2076 (p. 243)

SCHEDULE Regulation 2

Amendments to Regulations

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
The Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905			
Regulation 2(*a*)	Minimum area of opening screens	11 square feet	1.1 square metres
	Minimum area of opening screens	12 square feet	1.2 square metres
	Minimum length or breadth of opening screens	3¼ feet	1 metre
Regulation 2(*b*)	Distance from centre of opening screen within which the velocity of the exhaust draught shall not be less than that specified.	18 inches	460 millimetres
	Minimum velocity of exhaust draught	100 linear feet per minute	0.5 metres per second
Regulation 4	Minimum depth of clear space beneath all parts of open wire work sorting screen.	3 inches	75 millimetres
	Minimum measurement across top of funnel leading to extraction shaft.	10 inches	250 millimetres
	Minimum volume of air to be drawn by fan.	75 cubic feet of air per minute	35 litres of air per second
Regulation 7	Minimum air space for each person employed in each sorting room exclusive of any portion screened off.	1000 cubic feet	30 cubic metres
Regulation 8	Minimum temperature of any draught of air in each room in which sorting, willowing or combing is carried on.	50° F.	10 degrees Celsius