**1977 No. 9**

# ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

## Electricity Supply (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

*Made* . . . . . *12th January* 1977

*Coming into operation* . . . *9th February* 1977

The Department(a) of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by article 36(1) of the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity Supply (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 9th February 1977.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In these Regulations—

"earth connection" means the connection of any metallic body with the general mass of earth in such a manner as will ensure at all times an immediate and safe discharge of electrical energy.

"existing Regulations" means Regulations made under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act 1882(c) having effect by virtue of Article 36(3) of the Electricity Supply (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

*Earth connections*

**3.** In connecting any low or medium voltage supply system with earth the Service may, notwithstanding anything contained in existing Regulations, make any number of earth connections.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 12th January 1977.

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(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) S.I. 1972 No. 1072 (N.I. 9): Article 36 brought into operation on 1st April 1973 by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 44 (I, p. 242)
(c) 1882 c. 56