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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . 10*th November* 1975

Coming into operation . . . 1*st January* 1976

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) *of Schedule* 1 *to the Northern Ireland Act* 1974

The Department(**a**) of Commerce, after consultation with such persons and bodies of persons as appear to it to be requisite, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1, 2(4) and (5) and 6(2) of, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to, the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**) 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 Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1976.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965;

"excepted appliance" means—

(*a*) a gas or electric fire or oil heater—

(i) which is so constructed that when the appliance is burning, or, if it is an electric fire, consuming electricity, at the maximum rate for which it is designed, the heating element and, if it is a gas fire or oil heater, any flame is so enclosed within the body of the appliance that there is no likelihood of personal injury from burning, or of ignition of any fabric by reason of, in either case, contact with or proximity to, the heating element or any flame; or

(ii) which is not suitable for heating rooms in dwelling houses or other residential premises; or

(*b*) an electric fire which is so constructed as to require attachment to a ceiling;

"gas fire" includes a gas burning heating appliance in which the source of the gas is in liquid form or the gas is contained in a portable container;

"heating appliance" means—

(*a*) a gas or electric fire; or

(*b*) an oil heater;

other than an excepted appliance;

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40, Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1965 c. 14 (N.I.)
(**c**) Formerly vested in the Ministry of Home Affairs: S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(*c*) (II, p. 2992)