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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Pencils and Graphic Instruments (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *28th February* 1975

Coming into operation . . . *11th April* 1975

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

The Department of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1 and 2 of, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consulting with such persons and bodies of persons as appear to it to be requisite, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Pencils and Graphic Instruments (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 11th April 1975.

2. In these regulations—

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

"brush" does not include any brush which measures more than 12mm across the breadth of the end of the ferrule;

"paint" includes lacquer, varnish and other similar substances;

"soluble" in relation to an element or compound contained in a coating or substance, means capable of being dissolved by the method described in the Schedule.

3. A pencil, pen or brush shall not have any coating of paint which—

(*a*) contains soluble arsenic, cadmium, hexavalent chromium or mercury, or any soluble compound of arsenic, cadmium, hexavalent chromium or mercury, so that the proportion (by weight) of the element calculated as such exceeds 100p.p.m. (that is to say, parts in a million parts) of that coating; or

(*b*) contains soluble antimony or lead, or any soluble compound of antimony or lead, so that the proportion (by weight) of the element calculated as such exceeds 250p.p.m. of that coating; or

(*c*) contains soluble barium, or any soluble compound of barium, so that the proportion (by weight) of the element calculated as such exceeds 500p.p.m. of that coating.

4. A pencil, crayon, chalk or other similar article (including any pencil-lead for a propelling pencil) shall not consist of or contain any substance—

(*a*) in the form of a pencil-lead or stick; and

(a) 1965 c. 14 (N.I.)