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FACTORIES

The Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945 (Portable Apparatus Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969

ORDER, DATED 10TH OCTOBER 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE ELECTRICITY (FACTORIES ACT) SPECIAL REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1945.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in pursuance of Regulation 4(6) of the Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945 (Portable Apparatus Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 10th October 1969.

(2) In this Order—

"all-insulated tool" means an electrically driven tool in which all metal parts (except any of the following, that is to say, any chuck or other tool-holder, name-plate, screw, rivet and other small part, which is isolated from all other metal parts by reinforced insulation or by insulation no less effective than reinforced insulation) are covered with insulating material in the form of a durable and substantial continuous enclosure of insulating material;

"approved" means approved for the time being by certificate of the Chief Inspector; and

"double-insulated tool" means an electrically driven tool of which all the metal work which a person may handle is, where practicable, so separated from the conductors by double insulation as to prevent such metal work from becoming electrically charged or, where in the case of any such metal work such double insulation is impracticable, of which that metal work is so separated by reinforced insulation.

(3) References to a British Standard shall be construed as references to the British Standard of the number specified which is current at the date of the making of this Order.

2.—(1) Subject to the conditions set out in Article 3 and except as provided in paragraph (2), the portable apparatus specified in paragraph (3) is hereby exempted from so much of Regulation 18 of the Regulations as requires in the circumstances therein specified the metal work of portable apparatus to be efficiently earthed.

(2) The exemption granted by this Order shall not apply to any flexible metallic covering of the conductors.

(3) Paragraph (1) applies to all-insulated tools and double-insulated tools.

3. The conditions referred to in Article 2(1) are—

(1) that the apparatus shall be clearly and indelibly marked on the outside with the maker's name or trade mark and the maker's model or type reference;

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1945, No. 113.