Provided that where a machine is so constructed and maintained as to afford such measure of protection as aforesaid in respect of only a part of the power take-off shaft of the machine, the said paragraph (1) shall apply to that machine in respect of any part of the shaft as to which such protection is not so afforded.

(4) Every guard required by this regulation shall be substantially constructed, and shall be maintained in good condition.

Certificates of exemption

5. Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, the Ministry may grant certificates exempting (for such periods as may be specified therein and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be so specified) particular cases or particular persons from the operation of the provisions of these regulations, and where any such conditions are imposed, an employer of a worker employed in agriculture, and a worker so employed, to whom any such certificate applies, shall comply with those conditions.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 8th day of July 1966.

(L.S.) *A. McKelvie,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations, made under Section 1 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, prohibit the use, where workers are employed in agriculture, of machinery having a power take-off, or power take-off shaft, unless the power take-off, or, as the case may be, the power take-off shaft, is guarded in the manner provided in the regulations. The provisions requiring the power take-offs of a tractor and power take-off shafts to be shielded come into operation on the 1st August 1967.

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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Circular Saws

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH JULY 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf,

(a) 1959. c. 24.

after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to represent the interests concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Agriculture (Circular Saws) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, shall come into operation as follows:—

(*a*) this regulation and regulations 2 and 6 shall come into operation on the 1st day of August 1966;

(*b*) regulation 3 (in its application to paragraph 3 of the First Schedule), regulation 4 (in its application to paragraph 9 of that Schedule) and regulation 5 shall come into operation on the 1st day of November 1966; and

(*c*) regulation 3 (except in its application to the said paragraph 3) and regulation 4 (in its application to paragraph 8 of the said First Schedule) shall come into operation on the 1st day of August 1967.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959.

"circular saw" means a machine intended for sawing wood by means of a circular blade in a fixed or portable bench or frame, but does not include a swing or other saw which is operated by movement towards the wood.

Obligations affecting employers only

3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations the employer of a worker employed in agriculture shall not cause or permit a worker so employed, in the course of his employment, to operate or assist at a circular saw unless the requirements contained in Part I of the First Schedule are complied with.

Obligations affecting workers only

4. Subject to the provisions of these regulations a worker employed in agriculture who, in the course of his employment, operates a circular saw shall comply with the requirements contained in Part II of the First Schedule.

Obligations affecting both employers and workers

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations—

(*a*) the employer of a worker employed in agriculture shall not cause or permit a worker so employed, in the course of his employment, to operate, and

(*b*) a worker so employed shall not, in the course of his employment, operate,

a circular saw unless the requirements contained in Part III of the First Schedule are complied with, or in contravention of paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule.

(2) Subject to the provisions of these regulations—

(*a*) the employer of a worker employed in agriculture shall not cause or permit a worker so employed, in the course of his employment, to operate or assist at, and

(*b*) a worker so employed shall not, in the course of his employment, operate or assist at,

a circular saw in contravention of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Second Schedule.

Certificates of Exemption

6. Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, the Ministry may grant certificates exempting (for such periods as may be specified therein and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be so specified) particular cases or particular persons from the operation of the provisions of these regulations, and where any such conditions are imposed, an employer of a worker employed in agriculture, and a worker so employed, to whom any such certificate applies shall comply with those conditions.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 8th day of July 1966.

(L.S.) *A. McKelvie,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

PART I

REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING EMPLOYERS ONLY

Construction and maintenance

1. Every circular saw shall be substantially constructed and properly maintained.

Lighting

2. At every circular saw there shall be adequate natural or artificial light.

Defective saw blades

3. No saw blade shall knowingly be used if—

(*a*) it is cracked;

(*b*) it has been repaired by brazing or welding;

(*c*) it has two or more teeth missing;

(*d*) while in motion its teeth come in contact with the bench table, whether by reason of warping, misalignment or otherwise.

Riving knives

4.—(1) In a direct line behind the saw blade, and in the same vertical plane there shall be a metal riving knife having a smooth surface. The knife shall be strong and rigid, its front edge extending upward and forward, and shall also conform with the following conditions, that is to say:—

(*a*) the distance between the front edge of the knife and the teeth of the saw blade shall not exceed half an inch at the level of the top surface of the bench table;

(*b*) the knife shall extend upward from the bench table for a distance of not less than half and not more than the full height of the saw blade above the bench table.

(2) This paragraph shall not apply to a circular saw the circular blade of which does not exceed twelve inches in diameter.