

Control of Noise at Work Regulations (2005) Overview

Relevant Legal Sections and Overview

Regulation 4. Exposure limit values and action values

- Set the limits for either the daily or weekly personal noise exposure levels.

Regulation 5. Assessment of the risk to health and safety created by exposure to noise at the workplace

- Sets the obligation on the employer to carry out a risk assessment for noise in the workplace.

Regulation 6. Elimination or control of exposure to noise at the workplace

- If noise is above the upper noise exposure level sets a mandatory requirement on the employer to reduce the noise to the lowest practicable level before employing ear defenders.

Regulation 7. Hearing Protection

- Sets the requirement on employer to provide (only upon request above the lower level but mandatory above the upper level) and upon the employee to use hearing protection above the upper level.

Regulation 8. Maintenance and use of equipment

- Requires the employer to maintain the equipment provided.

Regulation 9. Health Surveillance

- Above the lower level the **employer shall** monitor the employees hearing health and the employee's are required to comply.

Regulation 10. Information, instruction and training

- The employer **shall** provide training on the risks of noise and the proper use of the protections supplied.