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## THE PLUGS AND SOCKETS ETC. (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1992

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

UNITED KINGDOM

**3. Department Responsible**

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY: STANDARDS, QUALITY AND  
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**3. Originating Department**

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY: CONSUMER SAFETY UNIT

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## **5. Title**

THE PLUGS AND SOCKETS ETC. (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1992

## **6. Products Concerned**

I) ELECTRIC PLUGS, SOCKET OUTLETS, ADAPTORS, FUSE LINKS AND CARTRIDGE FUSE LINKS.

II) DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO:

A) OPERATE AT MORE THAN 200 VOLTS: AND

B) OPERATE AT A MAXIMUM RATED IMPORT OF NOT MORE THAN 13A:  
AND

C) BE CONNECTED TO THE MAINS SUPPLY BY MEANS OF A FLEXIBLE CABLE OR CORD AND PLUG.

## **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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## **8. Main Content**

THE DRAFT REGULATIONS REVISE THE EXISTING PLUGS AND SOCKETS ETC. (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1987. THEIR OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

A) RETAIN THE EXISTING MANDATORY REQUIREMENT THAT ALL 13 AMP PLUGS MUST BE APPROVED BY A BODY APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

B) CONTINUE THE PRESENT REQUIREMENT THAT OTHER DEVICES, EG SOCKET-OUTLETS, ADAPTORS AND FUSE-LINKS, MUST EITHER COMPLY WITH THE RELEVANT BRITISH STANDARD OR ARE OF A TYPE APPROVED BY A BODY THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

C) INTRODUCE A REQUIREMENT THAT MOST DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ARE SUPPLIED FITTED WITH A CORRECTLY FUSED AND APPROVED PLUG.

## **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

A. TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED PROTECTION OF THE UK CONSUMER AGAINST SUB-STANDARD AND UNSAFE PLUGS AND OTHER DEVICES

B. TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY THROUGH A WRONGLY FUSED OR BADLY WIRED PLUG.

## **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

DRAFT DOCUMENT:

THE PLUGS AND SOCKETS ETC (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1992

## **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

## **12. Grounds for the Emergency**



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GROWTH DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

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