

1980 No. 438

HEALTH AND SAFETY**Health and Safety (Animal Products) (Metrication)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980**

Made 4th December 1980

Coming into operation 2nd February 1981

The Department of Manpower Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 45(1) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland and such other bodies as appeared to it to be appropriate, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health and Safety (Animal Products) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1981.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” mean the regulations amended by these regulations, that is to say—

- (a) The Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905(b);
- (b) The Horsehair Regulations 1907(c);
- (c) The Hides and Skins Regulations 1921(d).

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2. The provisions of the principal regulations specified in column 1 of the Schedule shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

Application to existing plant

3. Where the dimensions of any plant in existence immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations complied with the requirements of the principal regulations as then in force in so far as they related to the dimensions of that plant, then those dimensions shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of the principal regulations as amended by these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland on 4th December 1980.

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- (a) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9) — (brought into operation on 1st May 1979 by S.R. 1978 No. 384 (C. 21) (II, p. 1421))
 - (b) S.R. & O. 1905 No. 1293 (I, p. 90)
 - (c) S.R. & O. 1907 No. 984 (p. 15)
 - (d) S.R. & O. 1921 No. 2076 (p. 243)

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

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Amendments to Regulations

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
The Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905			
Regulation 2(a)	Minimum area of opening screens Minimum area of opening screens Minimum length or breadth of opening screens	11 square feet 12 square feet 3½ feet	1.1 square metres 1.2 square metres 1 metre
Regulation 2(b)	Distance from centre of opening screen within which the velocity of the exhaust draught shall not be less than that specified. Minimum velocity of exhaust draught	18 inches	460 millimetres
Regulation 4	Minimum depth of clear space beneath all parts of open wire work sorting screen. Minimum measurement across top of funnel leading to extraction shaft.	100 linear feet per minute 3 inches	0.5 metres per second 75 millimetres
Regulation 7	Minimum volume of air to be drawn by fan. Minimum air space for each person employed in each sorting room exclusive of any portion screened off.	75 cubic feet of air per minute 1000 cubic feet	35 litres of air per second 30 cubic metres
Regulation 8	Minimum temperature of any draught of air in each room in which sorting, willowing or combing is carried on.	50° F.	10 degrees Celsius

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
	Minimum temperature during working hours of each room in which sorting, willowing or combing is carried on.	50° F.	10 degrees Celsius
The Horsehair Regulations 1907 Definition of "Disinfection"	Minimum temperature of steam to which material should be exposed.	212° F.	100 degrees Celsius
Regulation 3	Distance from centre of screen within which velocity of exhaust draught shall not be less than minimum specified.	18 inches	460 millimetres
Regulation 11(a)	Minimum velocity of exhaust draught. Minimum length of washing trough for every five persons. Maximum distance between taps or jets above washing trough.	300 linear feet per minute 2 feet 2 feet	1.5 metres per second 600 millimetres 600 millimetres
The Hides and Skins Regulations 1921. Regulation 3(c)(i)	Minimum length of washing trough for every five persons. Maximum distance between taps or jets above washing trough.	2 feet 2 feet	600 millimetres 600 millimetres
Regulation 4	Minimum temperature of steam to which wrapping material in which hides and skins have been packed should be exposed.	212° F.	100 degrees Celsius

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend—

- (a) the Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905;
- (b) the Horsehair Regulations 1907; and
- (c) the Hides and Skins Regulations 1921;

by substituting measurements expressed in metric units for measurements not so expressed. The substituted measurements preserve the effect of the original provisions except to the extent necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments do not relate to plant which was in existence immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations if the dimensions of that plant complied with the then existing requirements.

These regulations implement the provisions of EC Directive 80/181/EEC (O.J. No. L39, 15.2.80, p. 40) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement.