1982 No. 45

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Grinding of Metals (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . *19th February 1982*

Coming into operation . . . *19th April 1982*

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 appear to it to be appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Grinding of Metals (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 19th April 1982.

(2) In these Regulations, "the principal Regulations" mean the Grinding of Metals Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1950(**b**).

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 premises and plant or premises and plant under construction

3. Where any premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal Regulations as then in force, those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland on 19th February 1982.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950 No. 203 (p. 270)

SCHEDULE Regulation 2

Amendments to Regulations

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurements	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
The Grinding of Metals Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1950			
Regulation 9(*a*)	Minimum height of room	10 feet	3 metres
Regulation 11	Height above which Regulation shall not apply	14 feet	4.2 metres
Regulation 14	Height above which Regulation shall not apply	14 feet	4.2 metres

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Grinding of Metals Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1950 by substituting amounts or quantities expressed in metric units for amounts or quantities not so expressed. The substituted amounts 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 premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if those premises or that plant complied with the then existing Regulations.