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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made . . . . . 16th December 1987
Coming into operation . . 4th January 1988

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 76 and 77(2) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 4th January 1988.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**b**).

Occupational deafness

2.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (list of prescribed diseases and related occupations) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2) of this regulation in relation to the occupations set against the disease numbered A10 (occupational deafness) in the second column of that Schedule.

(2) For sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

"(*a*) the use of powered (but not hand powered) grinding tools on cast metal (other than weld metal) or on billets or blooms in the metal producing industry, or work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of those tools whilst they are being so used; or

(*b*) the use of pneumatic percussive tools on metal, or work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of those tools whilst they are being so used; or

(*c*) the use of pneumatic percussive tools for drilling rock in quarries or underground or in mining coal, or work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of those tools whilst they are being so used; or

(*d*) work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of plant (excluding power press plant) engaged in the forging (including drop-stamping) of metal by means of closed or open dies or drop-hammers; or

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(**a**) 1975 c. 15
(**b**) S.R. 1986 No. 179; to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

(*e*) work in textile manufacturing where the work is undertaken wholly or mainly in rooms or sheds in which there are machines engaged in weaving man-made or natural (including mineral) fibres or in the high-speed false twisting of fibres; or''.

Addition of prescribed diseases in relation to halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbons, n-hexane and methyl n-butyl ketone

3.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

(2) Part I of Schedule 1 shall be amended by the addition, after the disease numbered C25 (Occupational vitiligo), of the diseases specified in the first column of the Schedule to these regulations and of the occupations set against those diseases in the second column of that Schedule.

(3) In Schedule 4 (relevant dates for the purposes of regulation 35), after the entry relating to the disease numbered C25 (Occupational vitiligo), there shall be inserted—

(*a*) in the first column—

''C26. Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to carbon tetrachloride.

C27. Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to trichloromethane (chloroform).

C28. Central nervous system dysfunction and associated gastro-intestinal disorders due to exposure to chloromethane (methyl chloride).

C29. Peripheral neuropathy due to exposure to n-hexane or methyl n-butyl ketone.''; and

(*b*) in the second column against each of the diseases listed in sub-paragraph (*a*) above the date ''4th January 1988''.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 16th December 1987.

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Prescribed disease or injury	*Occupation*
	Any occupation involving:
C26. Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to carbon tetrachloride.	The use or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, carbon tetrachloride.
C27. Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to trichloromethane (chloroform).	The use or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, trichloromethane (chloroform).
C28. Central nervous system dysfunction and associated gastro-intestinal disorders due to exposure to chloromethane (methyl chloride).	The use or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, chloromethane (methyl chloride).
C29. Peripheral neuropathy due to exposure to n-hexane or methyl n-butyl ketone.	The use or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, n-hexane or methyl n-butyl ketone.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations come into operation on 4th January 1988 and further amend the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986.

Regulation 2 amends the description of the occupations for which occupational deafness is prescribed.

Regulation 3, with the Schedule, provides for four further industrial diseases to be prescribed under Chapter V of Part II of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975. Three of these diseases (C. 26, C. 27 and C. 28) relate to damage caused by halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbons and one (C. 29) relates to damage caused by n-hexane and methyl n-butyl ketone.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.