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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Avoidance of Accidents to Children

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST DECEMBER, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1959(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section four of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1959, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to represent the interests concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Interpretation

1.—(1) In these regulations:

"child" means a child who has not attained the age of thirteen years.

(2) Any reference to a tractor, machine, implement, trailer or other vehicle includes any drawbar, towbar or coupling which may be used for the purpose of towing or propelling.

Prohibition on riding on vehicles and machines

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation no child shall ride on any of the following classes of vehicles or machines while such vehicles or machines are being used in the course of agricultural operations or are going to or from the site of such operations:—

(*a*) tractors;
(*b*) self-propelled agricultural machines;
(*c*) trailers;
(*d*) trailers into which any conveyor mechanism is built;
(*e*) machines mounted in whole or in part on tractors or vehicles, or towed or propelled by tractors or vehicles;
(*f*) binders or mowers drawn by animals.

(2) The foregoing paragraph shall not apply:—

(*a*) where not more than one child rides on a vehicle or machine provided that the vehicle or machine is driven by one of his parents; or
(*b*) as respects sub-paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) thereof in circumstances where a child rides on the floor of the trailer or on any load carried by the trailer provided that the trailer has four sides each of which is higher than the load and provided also in the case of a trailer into which any conveyor mechanism is built that the drive to the conveyor mechanism is disengaged.

Prohibition on driving vehicles and machines

3.—(1) No child shall drive any tractor or self-propelled vehicle or machine while that tractor, vehicle or machine is being used in the course of agricultural operations or is going to or from the site of such operations.

(a) 1959, c. 24.