

1976 No. 103

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Children's Clothing (Hood Cords) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made 19th March 1976

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(2)

*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974*

The Department(a) of Commerce, after consultation with such persons and bodies of persons as appear to it to be requisite, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1 and 2(4) and (5) of, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to, the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) and now vested in it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Children's Clothing (Hood Cords) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on 3rd May 1976 in relation to goods sold, or in the possession of any person for the purpose of being sold, by the manufacturer or importer into Northern Ireland of those goods, and, in any other case, shall come into operation on 1st October 1976.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965;

“outer garment” means a raincoat, overcoat, anorak or other garment suitable for use as outer wear;

“child's outer garment” means an outer garment having a measurement not exceeding 44 cm across the chest when the finished garment is laid out as flat as possible without distorting its natural two-dimensional shape and buttoned or otherwise fastened as it is designed to be in normal wear.

Restriction on design

3. The hood of a child's outer garment shall not be designed to be secured by means of a cord drawn through the material.

Goods already manufactured

4. As respects the requirements of these regulations, subsections (1) and (2) of section 2 of the Act (which prohibits sales and possession for sale of goods and component parts not complying with regulations) shall apply in relation to goods and component parts manufactured before the imposition of those requirements.

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1965 c. 14 (N.I.)

(c) Formerly vested in the Ministry of Home Affairs: S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(c) (II, p. 2992)

Letting under hire purchase agreement or on hire

5. Section 2(1) and (3) of the Act (other than subsection (3)(d) and (e) (sale and possession for sale of goods and component parts not complying with regulations) shall, except as provided by section 2(6), apply in relation to goods to which these regulations apply as if references to selling or to a sale included references to letting under a hire-purchase agreement or on hire, and the reference to a sale under a credit-sale agreement were a reference to a letting under a hire-purchase agreement.

Enforcement

6. The Schedule to the Act (which relates to enforcement by district councils) shall have effect in relation to goods to which these regulations apply.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 19th March 1976.

(L.S.)

E. Simpson

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Department of Commerce is empowered under the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 to make regulations imposing requirements, in respect of any class of goods, to prevent or reduce risk of death or personal injury.

These regulations provide that the hood of a child's outer garment shall not be designed to be secured by means of a cord drawn through the material.