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EXPLOSIVES

**Control of Sodium Nitrite
Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976**

Made 13th February 1976

Coming into operation 22nd March 1976

To be laid before Parliament

WHEREAS it appears to the Secretary of State(a) that the substance specified in these regulations is likely to be used whether by itself or in combination with other things for unlawful purposes as an explosive:

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of section 3 of the Explosives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(b), and article 3 of the Explosives (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(c) the Secretary of State hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976, and shall come into operation on 22nd March 1976.

Control of Sodium Nitrite

2. Subject to regulation 3, a person shall not manufacture, sell, acquire, transfer, store, transport, handle, use, or dispose of sodium nitrite or any mixture or solution which contains sodium nitrite in combination with any other substance or substances except under and in accordance with a licence from the Secretary of State.

Exemption

3. These regulations shall not have effect in relation to any manufactured goods containing not more than 5 per cent by weight of sodium nitrite.

Northern Ireland Office
13th February 1976

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State

(a) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: see S.I. 1973/2163

(b) 1970 c. 10 (N.I.)

(c) S.I. 1972/730 (N.I. 3)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

With effect from 22nd March 1976 these Regulations make it an offence for anyone to manufacture, sell, acquire, transfer, store, transport, handle, use or dispose of sodium nitrite or any mixture or solution containing the substance except under licence from the Secretary of State. The Regulations do not apply in the case specified in Regulation 3.