

1993 No. 7

CLEAN AIR

The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made 13th January 1993

Coming into operation 1st March 1993

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 2(2) of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, having regard, amongst other things, to the sulphur content of the fuels described in regulation 4, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1993.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(b) shall be amended as provided in regulations 3 and 4.

3. In regulation 2 (authorised fuels), for the words “National Coal Board” substitute the words “Coal Products Limited”.

4. In Schedule 1 (additional authorised fuels)—

(1) After paragraph 2 insert the following paragraph—

“2A. Black Diamond Gem ovoid briquettes, manufactured by Coal Products Limited at Immingham Briquetting Works, Immingham, Humberside, which—

(a) comprise anthracite duff (as to 20-30 per cent. of the total weight) and petroleum coke (as to 40-45 per cent. of the total weight) and bituminous coal (as to 12-22 per cent. of the total weight) and molasses and phosphoric acid as a binder (as to the remaining weight);

(b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at about 300°C;

(a) S.I. 1981/158 (N.I. 4); see Article 2(2) for the definitions of “authorised fuel”, “the Department” and “prescribed”

(b) S.R. 1992 No. 70

- (c) are pillow-shaped briquettes marked with two parallel indented lines running latitudinally around the briquette and have an average weight of 160 grammes; and
 - (d) have a sulphur content not exceeding 1.5 per cent. of the total weight.”; and
- (2) After paragraph 5 insert the following paragraph—
- “5A. Ecobrite briquettes, manufactured by Arigna Fuels Limited at Arigna, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Roscommon, Ireland, which—
- (a) comprise anthracite fines (as to approximately 96 per cent. of the weight) and starch as a binder (as to the remaining weight);
 - (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at 250°C;
 - (c) are unmarked pillow-shaped briquettes in two sizes having an average weight of 37 grammes for the smaller size and 48 grammes for the larger size; and
 - (d) have a sulphur content not exceeding 1.5 per cent. of the total weight.”; and
- (3) After paragraph 8 insert the following paragraph—
- “8A. Koala ovoids, manufactured by Allied Smokeless Fuels Limited at The Harbour, Foynes, County Limerick, Ireland, which—
- (a) comprise anthracite fines and coal blend (as to approximately 70 per cent. of the total weight) petroleum coke (as to approximately 17 per cent. of the total weight) and molasses and phosphoric acid as binder (as to the remaining weight);
 - (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at between 250°C and 280°C;
 - (c) are pillow-shaped briquettes with one indented line running latitudinally around the briquette and have an average weight of 130 grammes; and
 - (d) have a sulphur content not exceeding 1.5 per cent. of the total weight.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on
13th January 1993.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Article 17 of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 makes it an offence to emit smoke from a chimney of a building within a smoke control area unless it can be shown that the emissions of smoke arose solely from use of an authorised fuel.

These regulations amend the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the 1992 Regulations") which prescribed authorised fuels.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 2 of the 1992 Regulations to replace the reference to "The National Coal Board" with "Coal Products Limited".

Regulation 4 amends Schedule 1 to the 1992 Regulations by prescribing three additional authorised fuels. These are Black Diamond Gem ovoid briquettes, Ecobrite briquettes and Koala ovoids (items 2A, 5A and 8A).