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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

CLEAN AIR

**The Air Quality Standards (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1994**

Made 2nd September 1994

Coming into operation 4th October 1994

The Department of the Environment, being a department designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the control of air pollution, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, 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 Air Quality Standards (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 4th October 1994.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(c).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 7 of the principal regulations for “Annex 1 to” there shall be substituted “the first indent of Article 2 of”.

Revocation

3. Regulation 3(2) of the principal regulations (areas temporarily exempted from the application of the limit values for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 2nd September 1994.

(L.S.)

R. W. Rogers

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1988/785

(b) 1972 c. 68

(c) S.R. 1990 No. 145

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend regulations 3 and 7 of the Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 (“the principal regulations”).

These Regulations amend regulation 7 of the principal regulations (limit values for nitrogen dioxide in the atmosphere) by amending the implementation of the definition of “limit value” in Article 2 of Council Directive 85/203/EEC on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide (Regulation 2).

Regulation 3(1) of the principal regulations implemented in Northern Ireland provisions of Council Directive 80/779/EEC on air quality values and guide values for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates. Regulation 3(2) of the principal regulations provided that regulation 3(1) would not apply in full in certain specified district council areas until 1st April 1993. That temporary exemption being spent regulation 3(2) is now revoked (Regulation 3).

Copies of these Directives and extracts from the Official Journal of the European Communities may be obtained from Her Majesty’s Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.