
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 455

Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Reporting of gas incidents

6.—(1) Whenever a conveyer of flammable gas through a fixed pipe distribution system, or a filler, importer or supplier (other than by means of retail trade) of a refillable container containing liquefied petroleum gas receives notification of any death or any major injury which has arisen out of or in connection with the gas distributed, filled, imported or supplied, as the case may be, by that person, he shall forthwith notify the Department of the incident, and shall within 14 days send a report of it to the Department on a form approved for the purposes of this regulation.

(2) Whenever an employer or self-employed person who is a member of a class of persons approved by the Department for the purposes of regulation 3(3) of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(1) has in his possession sufficient information for it to be reasonable for him to decide that a gas fitting as defined in those Regulations or any flue or ventilation used in connection with that fitting, by reason of its design, construction, manner of installation, modification or servicing, is or has been likely to cause death, or any major injury by reason of—

- (a) accidental leakage of gas;
- (b) inadequate combustion of gas; or
- (c) inadequate removal of the products of combustion of gas,

he shall within 14 days send a report of it to the Department on a form approved for the purposes of this regulation, unless he has previously reported such information.

(3) Nothing shall be reportable—

- (a) under this regulation if it is otherwise notifiable or reportable under these Regulations;
- (b) under paragraph (2) in relation to any gas fitting, flue or ventilation undergoing testing or examination at a place set aside for that purpose.

(4) In this regulation “liquefied petroleum gas” means commercial butane (that is, a hydrocarbon mixture consisting predominantly of butane, butylene or any mixture thereof) or commercial propane (that is, a hydrocarbon mixture consisting predominantly of propane, propylene or any mixture thereof) or any mixture of commercial butane and commercial propane.