STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 459

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made---31st December 1998Coming into operation3rd February 1999

The Department of Economic Development, being a Department designated(1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the regulation and control of classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations, and for measures related to consumer protection, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and, being the Department concerned(3), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 17(1), (2) and (4) of, and paragraphs 1(1) and (4) of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(4) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with Article 46(1) of that Order with the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland and such other bodies as appeared to the Department to be appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 3rd February 1999.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(5) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of regulation 4 of the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

2. For regulation 4 of the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(**6**), there shall be substituted the following regulation—

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1976/897 and S.I. 1993/2661

^{(2) 1972} c. 68; the definition of the Treaties referred to in section 2(2) was extended by section 1 of the European Economic Area Act 1993 (c. 51)

⁽³⁾ See Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)

^{(5) 1954} c. 33 (N.I.)

⁽⁶⁾ S.R. 1995 No. 60, as amended by S.R. 1996 No. 376 and S.R. 1997 No. 398

"4. In these Regulations the "approved supply list" means the document approved by the Department for the purposes of these Regulations and published by the Health and Safety Commission entitled "Information Approved for the Classification and Labelling of Substances and Preparations Dangerous for Supply (4th Edition)"."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on

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31st December 1998.

R. G. F. Fry Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

1. These Regulations further amend the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 60) by introducing a reference to a new edition of the approved supply list (which prescribes agreed classification and labelling for many common chemical substances) which adds mineral wools, refractory ceramic fibres and special purpose fibres to that list.

2. The Regulations thereby implement for Northern Ireland Commission Directive 97/69/EC (O.J. No. L343, 13.12.97, p. 19) adapting to technical progress for the 23rd time Council Directive 67/548/EEC (O.J. No. L196, 16.8.67, p. 1) on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances.

3. Copies of the approved supply list (ISBN 0 7176 1641 X) are available from Dillons Books, 44-46 Fountain Street, Belfast BT1 5EE or from HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 6FS.

4. In Great Britain the corresponding Regulations are the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (S.I.1998/3106). The Health and Safety Executive has prepared a cost benefit assessment in relation to those Regulations and a copy of that assessment, together with a Northern Ireland Supplement prepared by the Department of Economic Development, is held at that Department's offices at 83 Ladas Drive, Belfast, BT6 9FJ, from where copies may be obtained on request.