
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 305

**Provision and Use of Work Equipment
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Part I

Introduction

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“employer” except in relation to regulation 3(2) and (3) includes a person to whom the requirements imposed by these Regulations apply by virtue of regulation 3(3)(a) and (b);

“essential requirements” means requirements described in regulation 10(1);

“inspection” in relation to an inspection under paragraph (1) or (2) of regulation 6—

- (a) means such visual or more rigorous inspection by a competent person as is appropriate for the purpose described in the paragraph;
- (b) where it is appropriate to carry out testing for the purpose, includes testing the nature and extent of which are appropriate for the purpose;

“power press” means a press or press brake for the working of metal by means of tools, or for die proving, which is power driven and which embodies a flywheel and clutch;

“territorial waters” means United Kingdom territorial waters adjacent to Northern Ireland and “within territorial waters” includes on, over and under them;

“thorough examination” in relation to a thorough examination under paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4) of regulation 32—

- (a) means a thorough examination by a competent person;
- (b) includes testing the nature and extent of which are appropriate for the purpose described in the paragraph;

“use” in relation to work equipment, means any activity involving work equipment and includes starting, stopping, programming, setting, transporting, repairing, modifying, maintaining, servicing and cleaning;

“work equipment” means any equipment, machinery, appliance, apparatus, tool or installation for use at work (whether exclusively or not);

and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Any reference in regulations 32 to 34 or Schedule 4 to a guard or protection device is a reference to a guard or protection device provided for the tools of a power press.

(3) Any reference in regulation 32 or 33 to a guard or protection device being on a power press shall, in the case of a guard or protection device designed to operate while adjacent to a power press, be construed as a reference to its being adjacent to it.