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CLEAN AIR

**The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007**

Made - - - - *10th January 2007*

Coming into operation - *11th February 2007*

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Article 2 (2) of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981^(a).

In accordance with that Article the Department has had regard, amongst other things, to the sulphur content of the fuels described in regulation 2.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 11th February 2007.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003^(b).

Amendment to the principal Regulations

2.—(1) The Schedule (authorised fuels) to the principal Regulations is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 3 (e), for “1.5 per cent” substitute “2 per cent”.

(3) After paragraph 6 insert the following paragraph—

“**6A.** Briteflame briquettes, manufactured by Maxbrite Limited at Mwyndy Industrial Estate, Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan, which—

- (a) comprise 10 to 15 per cent bituminous coal, 10 to 15 per cent petroleum coke, 70 to 80 per cent anthracite duff and starch binder (as to the remaining weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at about 260°C;
- (c) are unmarked pillow-shaped briquettes;
- (d) have an average weight of 140 grammes per briquette; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 1.9 per cent sulphur on a dry basis.”.

(4) After paragraph 13 insert the following paragraph—

^(a) S.I. 1981/158 (N.I. 4)
^(b) S.R. 2003 No. 450

“13A. Duraflame Firelogs, manufactured by Paramelt B.V., Costerstraat 18, PO Box 86, 1700 AB Heerhugowaard, The Netherlands, which—

- (a) comprise mineral-based petroleum wax (as to approximately 55 per cent of the total weight) and ground hardwood fibre (as to approximately 45 per cent of the total weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process of heat treatment and extrusion;
- (c) are firelogs approximately 320 millimetres in length, 90 millimetres high and 85 millimetres wide;
- (d) have an average weight of 1.45 kilogrammes per firelog; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 0.1 per cent of the total weight.”.

(5) After paragraph 23 insert the following paragraph—

“23A. Multiheat briquettes, manufactured by Coal Products Limited at Immingham Briquetting Works, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, which—

- (a) comprise anthracite (as to approximately 60 to 80 per cent of the total weight), petroleum coke (as to approximately 10 to 30 per cent of the total weight) and a molasses and phosphoric acid 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;
- (c) are unmarked pillow-shaped briquettes;
- (d) have average weight per briquette of either 55 or 80 grammes; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 2 per cent of the total weight.”.

(6) In paragraph 25(e), for “1.5 per cent” substitute “2 per cent”.

(7) After paragraph 27, insert the following paragraph—

“27A. Stoveheat Premium briquettes, manufactured by Coal Products Limited at Immingham Briquetting Works, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, which—

- (a) comprise anthracite duff (as to approximately 65 to 85 per cent of the total weight), petroleum coke (as to approximately 20 per cent of the total weight) and a molasses and phosphoric acid 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;
- (c) are unmarked ovoid-shaped briquettes;
- (d) have an average weight of 40 grammes per briquette; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 2 per cent of the total weight.”.

(8) In paragraph 32(d), for “75 grammes” substitute “80 grammes”.

(9) After paragraph 33, add the following paragraphs—

“34. ZIP Cracklelog firelogs, ZIP Crackle-log firelogs and ZIP Crackling Log firelogs, manufactured by Allspan B.V., Macroweg 4, 5804 CL Venray, The Netherlands, which—

- (a) comprise slack wax (as to approximately 55 per cent of the total weight), hardwood sawdust (as to approximately 42 per cent of the total weight) and crackle seeds (as to approximately 3.2 per cent of the total weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process of heat treatment and extrusion;
- (c) are firelogs approximately 235 millimetres in length and 80 millimetres in diameter, with grooves along the faces;
- (d) have an average weight of 1.1 kilogrammes per firelog; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 0.1 per cent of the total weight.

34A. ZIP Firelogs, manufactured by Allspan B.V., Macroweg 4, 5804 CL Venray, The Netherlands, which—

- (a) comprise slack wax (as to approximately 58 to 59 per cent of the total weight) and hardwood sawdust (as to approximately 41 to 42 per cent of the total weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process of heat treatment and extrusion;
- (c) are firelogs approximately 265 millimetres in length and 80 millimetres in depth, with grooves along the faces;
- (d) have an average weight of 1.3 kilogrammes per firelog; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 0.1 per cent of the total weight.

35. ZIP Firelogs, manufactured by Woodflame Moerdijk B.V., Appolloweg 4, Harbour No. M189A, 4782 SB Moerdijk, The Netherlands, which—

- (a) comprise slack wax (as to approximately 55 to 60 per cent of the total weight) and hardwood sawdust (as to approximately 40 to 45 per cent of the total weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process of heat treatment and extrusion;
- (c) are firelogs approximately 255 millimetres in length and 75 millimetres in diameter, with grooves along one longitudinal face;
- (d) have an average weight of 1.3 kilogrammes per firelog; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 0.1 per cent of the total weight.”.

Savings

3. Notwithstanding the amendments made by regulation 2 (2), (6) and (8) to paragraphs 3, 25 and 32 of the Schedule to the principal Regulations, any of the fuels in those paragraphs manufactured before the 11th February 2007 which immediately before that date was an authorised fuel shall continue to be an authorised fuel.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 10th January 2007



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (“the 2003 Regulations”) prescribed authorised fuels for the purpose of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

These Regulations amend the 2003 Regulations by—

- (a) making minor changes to the descriptions in paragraphs 3(e), 25(e) and 32(d) of the Schedule to the 2003 Regulations; and
- (b) introducing new paragraphs 6A, 13A, 23A, 27A, 34, 34A and 35 to describe nine new authorised fuels.
- (c) allowing fuels in paragraphs 3, 25 and 32 of the Schedule that were manufactured before 11th February 2007, which were authorised fuels prior to that date, to remain authorised fuels.

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