

**2017 No. 156**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Health and Safety (First-Aid) (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2017**

*Made* - - - - - *15th August 2017*

*Coming into operation* - *31st October 2017*

The Department for the Economy being the Department concerned<sup>(a)</sup>, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 17(1) to (5) and paragraphs 9 and 13 of Schedule 3 to the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978<sup>(b)</sup> (“the 1978 Order”).

The Regulations give effect without modifications to proposals submitted to it by the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland under Article 13(1A)<sup>(c)</sup> of the 1978 Order after the Executive had carried out consultations in accordance with Article 46(3)<sup>(d)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health and Safety (First-Aid) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

**Amendment to the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982**

2. For regulation 3(2) of the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982<sup>(e)</sup> (duty of employer to make provision for first-aid), substitute—

“(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), an employer shall provide, or ensure that there is provided, such number of suitable persons as is adequate and appropriate in the circumstances for rendering first-aid to his employees if they are injured or become ill at work; and for this purpose a person shall not be suitable unless he has undergone such training and has such qualifications as may be appropriate in the circumstances of that case.”.

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(a) Formerly the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment; *see* 2016 c. 5, section 1(3); that Department was formerly the Department of Economic Development; *see* S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3(5); that Department was formerly the Department of Manpower Services, *see* S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11), Article 3

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

(c) Article 13(1) was substituted by S.I. 1998/2795 (N.I. 18), Article 4

(d) Article 46(3) was amended by S.I. 1998/2795 (N.I. 18), Article 6(1) and Schedule 1, paragraphs 8 and 18

(e) S.R. 1982 No. 429

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for the Economy on 15th August 2017



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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 (“the 1982 Regulations”).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 3(2) of the 1982 Regulations to remove the requirement for the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland to approve the training and qualification of appointed first-aid personnel.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been completed in respect of these Regulations as the costs and benefits associated with the proposals have been assessed as negligible.

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