

Factories Act 1961

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PART VII

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

Factories occupying parts of buildings

Textual Amendments
F1 Ss. 40–52, 120, 140(2), 148, 165, repealed by S.I. 1976/2004, Sch.

121 Tenement factories—other provisions.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the owner (whether or not he is one of the occupiers) of a tenement factory shall, instead of the occupier, be responsible for any contravention of the following provisions of this Act, that is to say—
 - (a) the provisions of Part I with respect to the drainage of floors, sanitary conveniences, cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation and lighting;
 - (b) the provisions of Part II with respect to the provision and maintenance of fencing and safety appliances, the construction, maintenance, testing and examination of machinery or plant, the construction and maintenance of floors, passages and stairs, . . . ^{F2};

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and for the purposes of those provisions the whole of a tenement factory shall be deemed to be one factory in the occupation of the owner.

- (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any contravention arising from the use in a tenement of any fencing, appliances, machinery or plant, if the use is a matter outside the control of the owner.
- (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a contravention in rooms occupied by only one tenant—
 - (a) of the provisions of Part I with respect to cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation and lighting; or
 - (b)^{F3}

unless the contravention arises from a failure to carry out any necessary structural work or from any defect in any machinery, plant or fixtures belonging to the owner; and does not apply to a contravention in any such room of the provisions of Part V.

- (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a contravention of the provisions of Part III unless it arises from any such failure or defect as is mentioned in subsection (3) of this section.
- (6) The provisions of this Act shall, so far as they are applicable and have not been applied by the foregoing provisions of this section, apply to any part of a tenement factory which is not comprised within any of the separate factories as if that part were a factory and the owner were the occupier thereof.

Textual Amendments

- **F2** Words repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**
- **F3** S. 121(1)(*d*)(3)(*b*) repealed by S.I. 1988/1657, reg. 19(1)(b), **Sch. 8 Pt. II**
- F4 Words repealed by Employment Act 1989 (c. 38, SIF 43:1), s. 29(4), Sch. 7 Pt. II
- F5 Ss. 121(5), 126(2)(f) repealed by Employment Act 1989 (c. 38, SIF 43:1), s. 29(4), Sch. 7 Pt. II
- **F6** Ss. 1(5), 2(4), 3(3), 4(2), 5(2), 7(2), 9, 10, 14(3)(4)(6), 17(3)–(5), 18(5)(6), 25(4), 53–55, 58(2)–(4), 59(2)(3), 62, 66, 70, 71, 72(2), 73(2), 76, 81, 83, 121(7), 122(6), 124(2)(3), 129(1), 134, 137(5), 142, 145, 149, 150, 153(3), 159, 164(3), 174(2), 177, 179, 180(5)(7)(8)(10), 181(2), 182(5)(6), Schs. 3, 4 repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**

122 Parts of buildings let off as separate factories—other provisions.

- (1) Where a part of a building is let off as a separate factory but is not part of a tenement factory,—
 - (a) the provisions of this Act specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of this section shall apply to any part of the building used for the purposes of the factory but not comprised therein;
 - (b) subject to subsections (4) and (5) of this section, the owner of the building shall be responsible for any contravention of the provisions specified in the said paragraph (a) as so applying; and
 - (c) subject to subsection (5) of this section, the owner of the building shall be responsible, instead of the occupier, for any contravention as respects the

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factory, of the provisions specified in paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section.

- (2) The said provisions are—
 - (a) the provisions of Part I with respect to cleanliness and lighting, and the provisions of Part II with respect to prime movers, transmission machinery, hoists and lifts, chains, ropes and lifting tackle, cranes and other lifting machines, the construction and maintenance of floors, passages and stairs, the keeping free from obstruction and slippery substances of floors, steps, stairs, passages and gangways, [F7 and with respect to steam boilers, steam receivers and steam containers, and air receivers];
 - (b) F
 - (c) the provisions of Part I with respect to sanitary conveniences and the provisions of Part II with respect to hoists and lifts.
- (3) For the purposes of the provisions applied by the foregoing provisions of this section, lifting machines attached to the outside of the building, and chains, ropes and lifting tackle used in connection with those machines, shall be treated as being in the building, but any lifting machine not used for the purposes of the factory, and any chains, ropes or lifting tackle not used in connection with a lifting machine so used, shall be disregarded.
- (4) For any contravention (whether as respects the factory or otherwise) of the provisions of Part II with respect to chains, ropes and lifting tackle, cranes and other lifting machines, [F7] steam boilers, steam receivers and steam containers, and air receivers]—
 - (a) the occupier of the factory shall be responsible if it is a contravention with respect to any machinery or plant belonging to or supplied by him; and
 - (b) the owner of the building shall be responsible in any other case;

except that the owner shall not be responsible for a contravention of those provisions in so far as they relate to matters outside his control, and for any such contravention as respects the factory the occupier shall be responsible.

- (5) The owner shall be responsible by virtue of this section—
 - (a) for the cleanliness of sanitary conveniences only when used in common by several tenants; and
 - (b) for a contravention of the provisions relating to hoists and lifts only so far as those provisions relate to matters within his control.
- (7) Any reference in the provisions applied by the foregoing provisions of this section to the general register shall, in relation to matters in respect of which the owner of the building is responsible, be construed as a reference to a register to be kept by him, . . .

Textual Amendments

- F7 Words repealed (1.7.1994) by S.I. 1989/2169, reg. 26, Sch. 6, Pt. I
- F8 S. 122(2)(b) repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, Sch. 1
- **F9** Ss. 1(5), 2(4), 3(3), 4(2), 5(2), 7(2), 9, 10, 14(3)(4)(6), 17(3)–(5), 18(5)(6), 25(4), 53–55, 58(2)–(4), 59(2)(3), 62, 66, 70, 71, 72(2), 73(2), 76, 81, 83, 121(7), 122(6), 124(2)(3), 129(1), 134, 137(5), 142, 145, 149, 150, 153(3), 159, 164(3), 174(2), 177, 179, 180(5)(7)(8)(10), 181(2), 182(5)(6), Schs. 3, 4 repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**

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F10 Words repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**

Electrical stations

123 Application of Act to electrical stations.

- (1) The provisions of this Act shall apply to any premises in which persons are regularly employed in or in connection with the processes or operations of generating, transforming or converting, or of switching, controlling or otherwise regulating, electrical energy for supply by way of trade, or for supply for the purposes of any transport undertaking or other industrial or commercial undertaking or of any public building or public institution, or for supply to streets or other public places, as if the premises were a factory and the employer of any person employed in the premises in or in connection with any such process or operation were the occupier of a factory.
- (2) Where any such process or operation is carried on or performed for such a supply as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section but in other premises than those mentioned therein, then, if the premises are large enough to admit the entrance of a person after the machinery or plant therein is in position, the following provisions of this Act shall apply to the premises as if they were a factory and the employer of any person employed therein in or in connection with any such process or operation were the occupier of the factory, that is to say,—
 - (a) the provisions of sections fifty and fifty-one so far as they enable the Minister to make regulations;

 - (d)^{F11}
 - (e) Part XII;
 - (f) Part XIII;
 - (g) Part XIV.
- (3) The Minister may by [F12 regulations] apply any of the provisions mentioned in subsection (2) of this section to any machinery or plant used—
 - (a) in such processes or operations as are mentioned in subsection (1) of this section and for such a supply as is mentioned therein; but
 - (b) elsewhere than in such premises as are mentioned in subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this section,

as if the machinery or plant were machinery or plant in a factory, and the employer of any person employed in connection with any such use of the machinery or plant were the occupier of a factory.

(4) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not, except in so far as the Minister may by [F12 regulations] direct, apply to any premises where the said processes or operations are only carried on or performed for the immediate purpose of working an electric motor or working any apparatus which consumes electrical energy for lighting, heating, transmitting or receiving messages or communications, or other purposes.

Textual Amendments

- **F11** S. 123(2)(b)(d) repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**
- F12 Word substituted by virtue of S.I. 1974/1941, Sch. 2 para. 2

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 123(1) amended by Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (c. 41), s. 74(1)

Institutions

124 Institutions.

(1) Where, in any premises forming part of an institution carried on for charitable or reformatory purposes, any manual labour is exercised in or incidental to the making, altering, repairing, ornamenting, finishing, washing, cleaning or adapting for sale, of articles not intended for the use of the institution, but the premises do not constitute a factory, the provisions of this Act shall nevertheless apply to the premises, . . . ^{F13}

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Textual Amendments

F13 Words repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**

F14 Ss. 1(5), 2(4), 3(3), 4(2), 5(2), 7(2), 9, 10, 14(3)(4)(6), 17(3)–(5), 18(5)(6), 25(4), 53–55, 58(2)–(4), 59(2)(3), 62, 66, 70, 71, 72(2), 73(2), 76, 81, 83, 121(7), 122(6), 124(2)(3), 129(1), 134, 137(5), 142, 145, 149, 150, 153(3), 159, 164(3), 174(2), 177, 179, 180(5)(7)(8)(10), 181(2), 182(5)(6), Schs. 3, 4 repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**

Docks, wharves, quays, warehouses and ships

125 Docks, etc.

- (1) The provisions of this Act specified in subsection (2) of this section shall apply to every dock, wharf or quay (including any warehouse belonging to the owners, trustees or conservators of the dock, wharf or quay, and any line or siding used in connection with and for the purposes of the dock, wharf or quay and not forming part of a railway or tramway) and every other warehouse (not forming part of a factory) in or for the purposes of which mechanical power is used—
 - (a) as if it were a factory; and
 - (b) as if the person having the actual use or occupation of it or of any premises within it or forming part of it, were the occupier of a factory.
- (2) The said provisions are:—
 - [F15(a) the provisions of Part II with respect to steam boilers, but with the modification that the owner of the boiler shall, instead of the person deemed to be the occupier, be responsible for any contravention of those provisions:]
 - (b) the provisions of sections fifty and fifty-one so far as they enable the Minister to make regulations;
 - (c) F10
 - (f) Part V;
 - (g) the provisions of Part VII with respect to premises where part of a building is a separate factory, subject to such modifications as may be made by regulations of the Minister;

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(j)	the provisions of Part X with respect to F18 notices, special regulations
•	general registers (so far as applicable), preservation of registers and records
	but subject to such modifications as may be made by regulations of the
	Minister, F19;

- (l) Part XII; and
- (m) Part XIV.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section,—
 - (a) the provisions of this Act mentioned in paragraph (a) (subject to the modification mentioned in that paragraph) and in paragraphs \dots ^{F21}, (f), \dots ^{F19}, (j), \dots ^{F21}, (l) and (m) of subsection (2) of this section;
 - (b)

shall apply to the process of loading, unloading or coaling of any ship in any dock, harbour or canal, and to all machinery or plant used in those processes, as if the processes were carried on in a factory and the machinery or plant were machinery or plant in a factory, and the person who carries on those processes were the occupier of a factory.

- [F23(4) Nothing in this section shall apply to any machinery or plant which is on board a ship and is the property of the ship owner or charterer, or is rented, leased or hired by him or his agent, or is being purchased by him or his agent under a hire-purchase agreement or a conditional sale agreement (each within the meaning of section 53 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974).]
 - (5) In subsections (3) and (4) of this section "plant" includes any gangway or ladder used by any person employed to load or unload or coal a ship.
 - (6) The provisions of Part II of this Act with respect to prime movers, transmission machinery, other machinery, provisions as to unfenced machinery, construction and maintenance of fencing, construction and sale of new machinery, cleaning of machinery by women and young persons, training and supervision of young persons working at dangerous machines, hoists and lifts, chains, ropes and lifting tackle, cranes and other lifting machines, construction and maintenance of floors, passages and stairs, . . . F21 shall apply to every warehouse mentioned in subsection (1) of this section as if the warehouse were a factory and the person having the actual use or occupation thereof were the occupier of a factory [F24,][F24 except that this subsection shall not operate to apply the provisions to chains, ropes and lifting tackle, cranes and other lifting machines, or to the construction and maintenance of floors, passages and stairs, in warehouses which are dock premises.]
- [F25(7) The provisions of Part II of this Act, and any regulations made under that Part, with respect to prime movers, transmission machinery, other machinery, provisions as to unfenced machinery, construction and maintenance of fencing, hoists and lifts shall apply to all dock premises as if the dock premises were a factory, and the person having the control of such matter were the occupier of the factory in respect of that matter.
 - (8) The provisions of section 173 of this Act (application to Crown) shall apply to all dock premises as if the dock premises were a factory, but only for the purpose of applying to the Crown such provisions of this Act as are applied to docks, wharfs, quays and dock premises by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this section.
 - (9) In subsections (6), (7) and (8) of this section "dock premises" means any dock, wharf, quay, jetty or other place at which ships load or unload goods or embark or disembark

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passengers, together with neighbouring land or water which is used or occupied, or intended to be used or occupied, for those or incidental activities, and any part of a ship when used for those or incidental activities.]

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Textual Amendments
 F15 Ss. 32, 35, 36, 125, 127(2)(c) repealed (1.7.1994) by S.I. 1989/2169, reg. 26, Sch. 6 Pt. I
 F16 S. 125(2)(c)–(e) repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, Sch. 1
 F17 S. 125(2)(h) repealed by S.I. 1975/1012, Sch.
 F18 Words repealed by S.I. 1989/682, reg. 8(1), Sch. Pt. I
 F19 Words repealed by S.I. 1975/1012, Sch.
 F20 S. 125(2)(k) repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, Sch. 1
 F21 Words repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, Sch. 1
 F22 S. 125(3)(b) and preceding "and" repealed by Employment Medical Advisory Service Act 1972
       (c. 28), Sch. 3
 F23 S. 125(4) substituted by S.I. 1988/1655, regs. 2(1), 3, 23, with application as mentioned in reg. 3
 F24 Words added and "," substituted S.I. 1988/1655, regs. 2(1), 3, 23, with application as mentioned in reg.
 F25 S. 125(7)–(9) added by S.I. 1988/1655, regs. 2(1), 3, 23, with application as mentioned in reg. 3
Modifications etc. (not altering text)
       S. 125 amended by Employment Medical Advisory Service Act 1972 (c. 28), s. 8(1)
      S. 125(1) amended by Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (c. 41), s. 75(1)(3)
      S. 125(2)(j) amended by S.I. 1974/1941, Sch. 2 para. 9
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126 Ships.

(1) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (2) of this section shall apply to any work carried out in a harbour or wet dock in constructing, reconstructing, repairing, refitting, painting, finishing or breaking up a ship or in scaling, scurfing or cleaning boilers (including combustion chambers and smoke boxes) in a ship, or in cleaning oil-fuel tanks or bilges in a ship or any tank in a ship last used for oil of any description carried as cargo or any tank or hold last used for any substance so carried of a description specified in regulations of the Minister as being of a dangerous or injurious nature; and for the purposes of those provisions as so applying the ship shall be deemed to be a factory, and any person undertaking the work shall be deemed to be the occupier of a factory.

(2) The said provisions are:—

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(m) Part XIV.

(3) Nothing in this Act shall apply to any such work as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section which is done by the master or crew of a ship or done on board a ship during a trial run.

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Textual Amendments
F26 S. 126(2)(b)-(d) repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, Sch. 1
F27 Ss. 121(5), 126(2)(f) repealed by Employment Act 1989 (c. 38, SIF 43:1), s. 29(4), Sch. 7 Pt. II
F28 S. 126(2)(g) repealed by Employment Medical Advisory Service Act 1972 (c. 28), Sch. 3
F29 S. 126(2)(h) repealed by S.I. 1975/1012, Sch.
F30 Words repealed by S.I. 1975/1012, Sch.
F31 S. 126(2)(k) repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, Sch. 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C5 S. 126 amended by Employment Medical Advisory Service Act 1972 (c. 28), s. 8(1)
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Works of building and engineering construction

127 Building operations and works of engineering construction.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (2) of this section shall apply—
 - (a) to building operations; and
 - (b) to works of engineering construction;

undertaken by way of trade or business, or for the purpose of any industrial or commercial undertaking, and to any line or siding which is used in connection therewith and for the purposes thereof and is not part of a railway or tramway.

- (2) The said provisions are:—
 - (a) the provisions of Part I with respect to sanitary conveniences;
 - (b) the provisions of sections fifty and fifty-one so far as they enable the Minister to make regulations;
 - - (g) F35 (h) F36
 - (j) the provisions of Part X with respect to . . . ^{F37} notices, special regulations, general registers (so far as applicable), preservation of registers and records, . . . ^{F38}
 - (k) the provisions of Part XI with respect to \dots F33 duties of \dots F33 district councils;
 - (l) Part XII;
 - (m) Part XIII;
 - (n) Part XIV.
 - (3) . . . ^{F33} no special regulations made under Part IV of this Act shall operate so as to interfere with the design of any works of engineering construction or with the adoption

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in the execution of those works of any method not inconsistent with the safety of the works or of the persons employed which is prescribed in the specification or in any signed plans issued, or written directions given, by the consulting engineer or the engineer in charge.

- (4) The provisions of this Act in their application to building operations or to works of engineering construction shall have effect as if any place where such operations or works are carried on were a factory and any person undertaking any such operations or works to which this Act applies were the occupier of a factory, and with such other adaptations and modifications as may be made by regulations made by the Minister.
- (5) The provisions of this Act requiring general registers to be kept and copies of . . . ^{F37} special regulations or the prescribed abstract of such regulations to be kept posted up on the premises shall be deemed to be complied with as respects building operations or works of engineering construction if the register is kept at an office of the person undertaking the operations or works and copies . . . ^{F37} of the regulations or abstract thereof are kept posted up at each office, yard or shop of the person undertaking the operations or works at which persons employed by him on the operations or works attend, and in a position where they can easily be read by those persons.
- (6) Subject to subsection (7) of this section, any person undertaking any building operations or works of engineering construction to which this Act applies shall, not later than seven days after the beginning thereof, serve on the inspector for the district a written notice stating the name and postal address of that person, the place and nature of the operations or works, whether any mechanical power is used and, if so, its nature, the name of the district council within whose district the operations or works are situated and such other particulars as may be prescribed.
- (7) Subsection (6) of this section shall not apply to any operations or works which the person undertaking them has reasonable grounds for believing will be completed in a period of less than six weeks, except in such cases as the chief inspector may direct; and where a person undertakes any building operations or works of engineering construction in a place where such operations or, as the case may be, works are in progress, he shall not be required to give a notice under that subsection if such a notice was given in respect of the operations or works in progress.
- (8) The application of this Act to any building operations or works of engineering construction by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this section shall not be excluded by reason of the fact that they are undertaken on premises to which this Act applies apart from those provisions; and nothing in this section shall be taken as prejudicing the application of this Act to those premises apart from this section.

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Textual Amendments
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F32 Ss. 32, 35, 36, 125, 127(2)(c) repealed (1.7.1994) by S.I. 1989/2169, reg. 26, Sch. 6 Pt. I
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- **F34** S. 127(2)(d)(e) repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**
- F35 S. 127(2)(g) repealed by Employment Medical Advisory Service Act 1972 (c. 28), Sch. 3
- **F36** S. 127(2)(h) repealed by S.I. 1975/1012, **Sch.**
- **F37** Words repealed by S.I. 1989/682, reg. 8(1), Sch. Pt. I
- **F38** Words repealed by S.I. 1975/1012, **Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 S. 127 amended by Employment Medical Advisory Service Act 1972 (c. 28), s. 8(1)

F33 Words repealed by S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, **Sch. 1**

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F43 Ss. 129(2)–(6), 130, repealed by S.I. 1980/1248, reg. 20(1), **Sch. 1**

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C7 S. 127(2)(j), (3)(5) amended by S.I. 1974/1941, **Sch. 2 para. 9**

Lead processes carried on in places other than factories

Employment of women and young persons in places other than factories in processes connected with lead manufacture or involving the use of lead compounds.

The following provisions of this Act, that is to say:—

- (a) the provisions relating to the employment of women and young persons in certain processes connected with lead manufacture . . . ^{F39};
- (b) the provisions requiring notification to be sent to the chief inspector, or to the inspector for the district, of lead poisoning contracted or occurring in factories; and
- (c) any provision relating . . . ^{F40} to offences, penalties and legal proceedings; shall apply to employment in any such processes as aforesaid in any place other than a factory, as if the place were a factory and the employer were the occupier of the factory, and as if the references to young persons included references to all persons who had not attained the age of eighteen.

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Prohibition of employment of women and young persons in painting buildings with lead paint.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section a woman or young person shall not be employed in painting any part of a building with lead paint.
- (2) This section shall not apply to the employment of—
 - (a) persons employed as apprentices in the painting trade under arrangements approved by an order of the Minister made after consultation with the organisations, if any, representative of the employers and workers in the trade; or
 - (b) women or young persons in such special decorative or other work (other than work of an industrial character) as may be excluded from the provisions of this section by an order of the Minister.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C8 Reference to Minister in s. 131(2), in so far as it enables orders to be made otherwise than by statutory instrument, to be construed as reference to the Health and Safety Executive: S.I. 1974/1941, reg. 7, Sch. 1

132 Provisions supplementary to ss. 129-131.

In sections one hundred and twenty-nine to one hundred and thirty-one of this Act "lead paint" means any paint, paste, spray, stopping, filling, or other material used in painting which, when treated in a manner prescribed by rules made by the Minister, yields to an aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid a quantity of soluble lead compound exceeding, when calculated as lead monoxide, five per cent. of the dry weight of the portion taken for analysis; and "building" includes fixtures.

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