
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Pottery (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations 1950

Work-benches

19.—(1) Except in the case of a leadless glaze factory, the surface of every work-bench in any dipping house or other place where glaze is applied and in any room in which ware-cleaning is done and in any place where any of the following processes is carried on, namely:—

- (i) the making or mixing of frits or glazes containing lead or of colours;
- (ii) the preparation or weighing out of flow material;
- (iii) colour blowing, or the wiping off of colour after that process;
- (iv) ground laying or colour dusting, or the wiping off of colour after either of those processes;
- (v) colour grinding for colour blowers;
- (vi) lithographic transfer making;
- (vii) glost placing;

shall:—

- (a) be constructed of or covered with sheet metal or other smooth material impervious to water;
- (b) be maintained in good condition; and
- (c) be kept clean by means of a wet sponge or other wet material.

(2) The surface of every work-bench in any place to which paragraph (1) of this Regulation does not apply shall:—

- (a) if not constructed of or covered with sheet metal or other material impervious to water, be strongly and solidly constructed of closely jointed timber and well maintained; and
- (b) be thoroughly cleaned by a moist method or with an efficient vacuum cleaning apparatus on every day on which the work-bench is used.

(3) The requirements of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of this Regulation shall not apply:—

- (a) to work-benches or parts of work-benches on which pottery articles are necessarily left overnight, provided that adequate arrangements are made for the cleaning of such work-benches or parts of work-benches as soon as the articles are removed; or
- (b) to work-benches or parts of work-benches used wholly or mainly for the artistic painting of ware with the use of oil colours (including gilding) or the application of designs to ware by means of transfers.

(4) Stands or frames used for supporting sanitary fireclay ware shall not be deemed to be work-benches for the purposes of the foregoing paragraphs of this Regulation, notwithstanding that work is done upon the ware while it is so supported.