
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 887

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Tear-Gas Capsules (Safety) Order 1979*Made - - - - 24th July 1979**Laid before Parliament 26th July 1979**Coming into Operation 20th August 1979*

Whereas the Secretary of State has published a notice in respect of this Order complying with the provisions of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Consumer Safety Act 1978(a), and has considered representations made to him in respect of the notice:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 3(1)(a) and (2) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the said Act, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Tear-Gas Capsules (Safety) Order 1979.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 20th August 1979 and shall cease to have effect at the expiration of the period of twelve months beginning with that date.

2. In this Order—

“tear-gas capsule” means an article designed or intended to afford amusement to any person by causing discomfort to any other person by means of the use or exploitation of the lachrymatory properties of any substance contained in the article;

“tear-gas material” means a substance the lachrymatory properties of which a tear-gas capsule is designed or intended to use or exploit;

“injurious tear-gas capsule” means a tear-gas capsule which contains tear-gas material capable of causing personal injury in the course of, or as a result of, the use of the capsule.

3. No person shall supply, offer to supply, agree to supply, expose for supply or possess for supply any injurious tear-gas capsule.

Sally Oppenheim,
Minister of State,
Department of Trade.

24th July 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits persons from supplying, offering to supply, agreeing to supply, exposing for supply or possessing for supply any injurious tear-gas capsule.

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