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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Health and Safety (Animal Products) (Metrication)  
Regulations 1980**

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*Coming into Operation* 1st January 1981

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 49(1), (2) and (4) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(a) (“the 1974 Act”) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and for the purpose of giving effect without modifications to proposals submitted to him by the Health and Safety Commission under section 11(2)(d) of the 1974 Act after the carrying out by the said Commission of consultations in accordance with section 50(3) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health and Safety (Animal Products) (Metrication) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1981.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” mean the Regulations amended by these Regulations, that is to say—

the Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905(b);

the Horsehair Regulations 1907(c);

the Hides and Skins Regulations 1921(d).

*Amendments to Regulations to substitute metric measurements for imperial measurements*

2. The provisions of the Regulations specified in the Schedule to these Regulations in column 1 shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

*Application to existing plant*

3. Where the dimensions of any plant in existence immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal Regulations as then in force in so far as they related to the dimensions of that plant, then those dimensions shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

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(a) 1974 c. 37; section 49 was amended by the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), section 116 and Schedule 15, paragraph 15.

(b) S.R. & O. 1905/1293. (c) S.R. & O. 1907/984. (d) S.R. & O. 1921/2076.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.

5th November 1980.

*Patrick Mayhew,*  
Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Employment.

## Regulation 2

**THE SCHEDULE**  
**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS**

| 1   | 2   | 3                               | 4                             |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Regulation to be amended                            | Subject matter of measurement   | Present measurement             | Measurement to be substituted |
| The Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905 | Minimum area of opening screens . . . . .   | 11 square feet                  | 1.1 square metres             |
| Regulation 2(a) . . . . .                           | Minimum area of opening screens . . . . .   | 12 square feet                  | 1.2 square metres             |
|   | Minimum length or breadth of opening screens . . . . .  | 3½ feet                         | 1 metre                       |
| Regulation 2(b) . . . . .                           | Distance from centre of opening screen within which the velocity of the exhaust draught shall not be less than that specified . . . . . | 18 inches                       | 460 millimetres               |
|   | Minimum velocity of exhaust draught . . . . .   | 100 linear feet per minute.     | 0.5 metres per second         |
| Regulation 4 . . . . .                              | Minimum depth of clear space beneath all parts of open wire work sorting screen   | 3 inches                        | 75 millimetres                |
|   | Minimum measurement across top of funnel leading to extraction shaft . . . . .  | 10 inches                       | 250 millimetres               |
|   | Minimum volume of air to be drawn by fan . . . . .  | 75 cubic feet of air per minute | 35 litres of air per second   |
| Regulation 7 . . . . .                              | Minimum air space for each person employed in each sorting room exclusive of any portion screened off . . . . .                         | 1,000 cubic feet                | 30 cubic metres               |

| 1<br>Regulation to be amended  | 2<br>Subject matter of measurement  | 3<br>Present measurement   | 4<br>Measurement to be substituted |
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| Regulation 8 .....   | Minimum temperature of any draught of air in each room in which sorting, wil-<br>lowing or combing is carried on .....    | 50° F                      | 10 degrees Celsius                 |
| The Horsehair Regulations 1907<br>Definition of "Disinfection" ..... | Minimum temperature during working hours of each room in which sorting, wil-<br>lowing or combing is carried on ..        | 50° F                      | 10 degrees Celsius                 |
| Regulation 3 .....   | Minimum temperature of steam to which material should be exposed .....  | 212° F                     | 100 degrees Celsius                |
| Regulation 11(a) .....   | Distance from centre of screen within which velocity of exhaust draught shall not be less than minimum specified ..       | 18 inches                  | 460 millimetres                    |
| Regulation 11(a) .....   | Minimum velocity of exhaust draught ..  | 300 linear feet per minute | 1.5 metres per second              |
| Regulation 11(a) .....   | Minimum length of washing trough for every five persons .....   | 2 feet                     | 600 millimetres                    |
| The Hides and Skins Regulations 1921<br>Regulation 3(c)(i) .....     | Maximum distance between taps or jets above washing trough .....  | 2 feet                     | 600 millimetres                    |
| Regulation 4 .....   | Minimum length of washing trough for every five persons .....   | 2 feet                     | 600 millimetres                    |
| Regulation 4 .....   | Maximum distance between taps or jets above washing trough .....  | 2 feet                     | 600 millimetres                    |
| Regulation 4 .....   | Minimum temperature of steam to which wrapping material in which hides and skins have been packed should be exposed ..... | 212° F                     | 100 degrees Celsius                |

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend—

- (a) the Wool, Goat-hair and Camel-hair Regulations 1905;
- (b) the Horsehair Regulations 1907; and
- (c) the Hides and Skins Regulations 1921;

by substituting measurements expressed in metric units for measurements not so expressed. The substituted measurements preserve the effect of the original provisions except to the extent necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments do not relate to plant which was in existence immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if the dimensions of that plant complied with the then existing requirements.

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