

**1980 No. 208 (C. 8)****HEALTH AND SAFETY****The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974  
(Commencement No. 5) Order 1980**

*Made* - - - - - 18th February 1980

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 85(2) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

*Citation*

**1.** This order may be cited as the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Commencement No. 5) Order 1980.

*Interpretation*

- 2.** In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—  
“the Act” means the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974;  
“the 1961 Act” means the Public Health Act 1961(b).

*Appointed day*

**3.** The provisions of the Act specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall come into operation on 17th March 1980.

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(a) 1974 c. 37.

(b) 1961 c. 64.

## SCHEDULE

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Schedule 6, Part I, the following provisions— Paragraph 4(b) (in so far as not already in operation). Paragraph 5(b). Paragraph 5(c).	Amendment of section 4(6) of the 1961 Act. Amendment of the proviso to section 6(2) of the 1961 Act. Substitution of section 6(6) of the 1961 Act.

Signed by authority of  
 the Secretary of State  
 18th February 1980.

*John Stanley,*  
 Minister for Housing and Construction  
 Department of the Environment.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into operation on 17th March 1980 the following provisions of Part III of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974—

Schedule 6, Part I, paragraph 4(b) which raises the maximum penalties for contravention or failure to comply with the Building Regulations from £100 plus £10 per day on which the default continues after conviction to £400 and £50 per day respectively.

Schedule 6, Part I, paragraph 5(b) and (c) which relate to the power of the Secretary of State to make Building Regulations enabling a local authority to dispense with or relax the Building Regulations in respect of its own projects in its own area.