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**CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**The Approval of Safety Standards Regulations 1987**

*Made* - - - - *9th November 1987*  
*Laid before Parliament* *13th November 1987*  
*Coming into force* - *7th December 1987*

Whereas the Secretary of State has, in accordance with section 11(5) of the Consumer Protection Act 1987(a), consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, such other persons as he considers appropriate and the Health and Safety Commission:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 11 of the said Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Approval of Safety Standards Regulations 1987 and shall come into force on 7th December 1987.
2. The Secretary of State, if he thinks it appropriate to do so for the purposes of section 10(3) of the Consumer Protection Act 1987, may approve (in whole or in part), or cancel any such approval of, any standard of safety (including any amendment or revision of any such standard).
3. Any such approval or cancellation shall be effected by the publication by the Secretary of State, in such manner as he considers appropriate, of a notice specifying the approval or cancellation together with, in each case, the place where copies of the standard of safety to which the approval or cancellation relates may be obtained.
4. The notice referred to in regulation 3 above shall state the date on which the approval or (as the case may be) cancellation shall take effect.
5. An approval given under these Regulations shall, if it is so stated in the notice referred to in regulation 3 above, cease to have effect at the end of such period as may be specified in the notice.
6. A register of approvals given under these Regulations shall be kept by the Secretary of State at such premises and in such form as he may determine, and shall be open to public inspection.

9th November 1987

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(a) 1987 c.43.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision whereby the Secretary of State may approve standards of safety for the purposes of section 10(3) of the Consumer Protection Act 1987. Under section 10(3), consumer goods are not to be regarded as failing to comply with the general safety requirement (section 10(1) and (2)) in respect of, *inter alia*, any failure to do more in relation to any matter than is required by any standards of safety approved for the purposes of the subsection by or under regulations made under section 11 and imposing requirements with respect to that matter.

The Regulations provide in particular that the Secretary of State may approve, or cancel any approval of, a standard of safety (regulation 2); that an approval or cancellation is to be effected by the publication of a notice by the Secretary of State specifying the approval or cancellation and the place where the relevant standard may be obtained (regulation 3); and that the Secretary of State is to keep a register of approvals given under the Regulations (regulation 6).

It is intended that notices of approvals and cancellations will be published in *British Business* and *BSI News*; and that the register of approvals will be made available for public inspection at The Library, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.

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