
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Methylated Spirits Regulations 1987

PART II

PREMISES AND PLANT

Approval of processes, premises and plant for methylation and storage

3.—(1) Any person intending to methylate spirits shall make written application to the proper officer for approval of the processes, premises and plant he intends to use for the methylation of spirits and the storage of denaturants, and any such application shall specify the classes of methylated spirits he intends to manufacture and which of those processes, premises and plant relate to which class or classes of methylated spirits.

(2) Any application made under the preceding paragraph shall be accompanied by such information connected with the application as the proper officer may require.

(3) No person shall begin to methylate spirits until he has received the proper officer's approval of the processes, premises and plant referred to in his application under paragraph (1) above and any such approval may be made subject to conditions which may be varied by the Commissioners for reasonable cause.

(4) A person making application under this regulation shall ensure that the premises approved under this regulation for the methylation of spirits contain one or more mixing vats which must be fixed and no such vat shall have a capacity of less than 2,500 litres.

(5) Save as the proper officer may otherwise allow, no person shall use premises and plant approved under this regulation for the storage of denaturants for any other purpose.

Variation of approval

4.—(1) The person receiving the approval under regulation 3 above shall ensure that no variation, alteration or change is made to any of the approved processes, premises or plant without first receiving the proper officer's approval of the variation, alteration or change and the proper officer's approval may be given subject to conditions which may be varied by the Commissioners for reasonable cause.

(2) Any person making application for the approval of any variation, alteration or change to any processes, premises or plant shall do so in such form and manner and shall provide such information connected with the application as the proper officer may require.

Entry of premises and plant

5. Except in the case of premises approved as an excise warehouse or plant contained in such premises, a methylator shall make entry of his premises and plant approved under regulation 3 above, and of any variation, alteration or change approved under regulation 4 above before spirits are first methylated or before spirits are first methylated after that change is made.

Provision of facilities etc.

6. A methylator shall, if required to do so by the proper officer, provide and maintain to that officer's satisfaction, at his premises approved under regulation 3 above, office accommodation and sanitary and lavatory accommodation for officers, and shall ensure that such accommodation is lit, heated, furnished and cleaned free of expense to the Crown.

General provisions as to approved premises

7.—(1) A methylator shall ensure that all his premises approved under regulation 3 above are, to the proper officer's satisfaction, ventilated, lit and equipped with the means for taking account of spirits or denaturant.

(2) A methylator shall ensure that his containers approved for the storage of denaturant are conspicuously marked on the outside as being for use for that purpose only.

(3) The proper officer may, by giving written notice to a methylator, restrict the hours during which his approved premises or parts of them are permitted to be open, and he may vary the notice but except on public holidays no such restriction shall prevent the premises from being open during the hours from 8 am to 6 pm from Monday to Friday.