
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Industrial Injuries)(Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1987

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 76 and 77 of and Schedule 20 to the Social Security Act 1975(1), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after reference to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1987 and shall come into force on 4th January 1988.

(2) These Regulations shall be read as one with the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1985(3) (“the principal Regulations”).

Occupational deafness

2.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (list of prescribed diseases and related occupations) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2) below in relation to the occupations set against the disease numbered A10 (occupational deafness) in the second column of that Schedule.

(2) For sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

“(a) the use of powered (but not hand powered) grinding tools on cast metal (other than weld metal) or on billets or blooms in the metal producing industry, or work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of those tools whilst they are being so used; or

(b) the use of pneumatic percussive tools on metal, or work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of those tools whilst they are being so used; or

(1) 1975 c. 14; Schedule 20 is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the words “prescribe” and “Regulations”.

(2) See section 141(2) of the Social Security Act 1975.

(3) S.I.1985/967; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1986/1374, 1561 and 1987/335.

- (c) the use of pneumatic percussive tools for drilling rock in quarries or underground or in mining coal, or work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of those tools whilst they are being so used; or
- (d) work wholly or mainly in the immediate vicinity of plant (excluding power press plant) engaged in the forging (including drop stamping) of metal by means of closed or open dies or drop hammers; or
- (e) work in textile manufacturing where the work is undertaken wholly or mainly in rooms or sheds in which there are machines engaged in weaving man-made or natural (including mineral) fibres or in the high speed false twisting of fibres; or”.

Addition of prescribed diseases in relation to halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbons, n-hexane and methyl n-butyl ketone

3.—(1) The principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) Part I of Schedule 1 shall be amended by the addition after the disease numbered C25 (occupational vitiligo) of the diseases specified in the first column of the Schedule to these Regulations and of the occupations set against those diseases in the second column of that Schedule.

(3) In Schedule 4 to the principal Regulations (relevant dates for the purposes of regulation 43) after the entry relating to the disease numbered C25 (occupational vitiligo) there shall be inserted —

(a) in the first column the words

“C26 Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to Carbon Tetrachloride.

C27 Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to Trichloromethane (Chloroform).

C28 Central nervous system dysfunction and associated gastro-intestinal disorders due to exposure to Chloromethane (Methyl Chloride).

C29 Peripheral neuropathy due to exposure to n-hexane or methyl n-butyl ketone.”; and

(b) in the second column against each of the diseases listed in sub-paragraph (a) above the date “4th January 1988”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

7th December 1987

Nicholas Scott
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

Description of disease or injury	Nature of occupation
	Any occupation involving:
C26 Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to Carbon Tetrachloride.	The use of or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, Carbon Tetrachloride.
C27 Damage to the liver or kidneys due to exposure to Trichloromethane (Chloroform).	The use of or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, Trichloromethane (Chloroform).
C28 Central nervous system dysfunction and associated gastro-intestinal disorders due to exposure to Chloromethane (Methyl Chloride).	The use of or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, Chloromethane (Methyl Chloride).
Peripheral neuropathy due to exposure to n-hexane or methyl n-butyl ketone.	The use of or handling of, or exposure to the fumes of, or vapour containing, n-hexane or methyl n-butyl ketone.

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

These Regulations, which come into force on 4th January 1988, amend the description of the occupations for which occupational deafness is prescribed (regulation 2).

Regulation 3, with the Schedule, provides for 4 further industrial diseases to be prescribed under chapter V of Part II of the Social Security Act 1975. Three of these diseases (C26, C27 and C28) relate to damage caused by halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbons and one (C 29) relates to damage caused by n-hexane and methyl n-butyl ketone.