

1988 No. 1647

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations 1988

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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 on him by section 11 of the said Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations 1988 and shall come into force on 20 October 1989.

2. The Glazed Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations 1975(b), the Glazed Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(c), the Vitreous Enamel-ware (Safety) Regulations 1976(d) and the Vitreous Enamel-ware (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(e) are hereby revoked.

3.—(1) In these Regulations—

“BS 6748” means the British Standard Specification for limits of metal release from ceramic ware, glassware, glass ceramic ware and vitreous enamel ware BS 6748: 1986 published by the British Standards Institution on 29th August 1986(f);

“ceramic ware” has the meaning given in clause 2 of BS 6748, but does not include ceramic ware not intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to any requirement or test specified in BS 6748 includes a reference to any requirement or test incorporated in BS 6748 by reference to any other British Standard Specification as amended before 29th August 1986.

4. Ceramic ware shall satisfy the requirements of BS 6748 applicable to such ware when tested in accordance with the provisions of clause 4 of and the Appendix to BS 6748.

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(a) 1987 c.43.  
(b) S.I. 1975/1241.  
(c) S.R. (N.I.) 1975/313.  
(d) S.I. 1976/454.  
(e) S.R. (N.I.) 1976/328.  
(f) ISBN 0580 153401

5. No person shall supply, offer to supply, agree to supply, expose for supply or possess for supply any ceramic ware in respect of which any of the requirements of these Regulations is not satisfied.

20th September 1988

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Department of Trade and Industry

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations impose revised requirements set out in BS 6748: 1986 relating to the permissible release of lead and cadmium from ceramic ware for use with food (regulation 4).

They also revoke the requirements relating to vitreous enamel ware under the 1976 Regulations mentioned below (regulation 2).

The Glazed Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations 1975, the Glazed Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975, the Vitreous Enamel-ware (Safety) Regulations 1976 and the Vitreous Enamel-ware (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 are revoked (regulation 2).

The British Standard Specification referred to in the Regulations may be obtained from the Publications Manager, British Standards Institution, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes MK14 6LE.

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