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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 1790**

**The Noise at Work Regulations 1989**

**Ear protection zones**

9.—(1) Every employer shall, in respect of any premises under his control, ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that—

- (a) each ear protection zone is demarcated and identified by means of the sign specified in paragraph A.3.3 of Appendix A to Part 1 of BS 5378, which sign shall include such text as indicates—
  - (i) that it is an ear protection zone, and
  - (ii) the need for his employees to wear personal ear protectors whilst in any such zone;  
and
- (b) none of his employees enters any such zone unless that employee is wearing personal ear protectors.

(2) In this regulation, “ear protection zone” means any part of the premises referred to in paragraph (1) where any employee is likely to be exposed to the second action level or above or to the peak action level or above, and “Part 1 of BS 5378” has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Safety Signs Regulations 1980(1).