
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations amend the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1988 (“the principal Regulations”).

2. By amending regulation 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the principal Regulations, regulation 2(1) of and Schedule 2 to these Regulations have effect to prohibit with certain exceptions the importation, supply and use at work of benzene and substances containing benzene, implementing as respects Great Britain point 3 of Article 1 of the Council Directive [89/677/EEC](#) (“the 8th Amendment Directive”) (OJNo. L 398, 30.12.89, p. 19) amending for the 8th time Council Directive [76/769/EEC](#) (OJ No. L 262, 27.9.76, p. 201) relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations in so far as that point relates to the importation, supply or use of benzene and substances containing benzene for such purposes.

3. Regulation 2(3) of these Regulations amends item 1 of Schedule 2 to the principal regulations to align its wording with that used in point 4 of Article 1 to the 8th Amendment Directive.

4. Regulation 2(2) of these Regulations substitutes a new Schedule for Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations. That Schedule prescribes maximum exposure limits of certain substances hazardous to health and new exposure limits for chromium, grain dust, nickel and silica are introduced by the Schedule.

5. Previous Regulations amending the principal Regulations are revoked by regulation 3 of these Regulations.