
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Metrication etc.) Regulations 1992

PART II

AMENDMENTS TO ENACTMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO HUMID FACTORIES NOT INVOLVING METRICATION

Amendments to the Factories Act 1961

6.—(1) Section 68 of the Factories Act 1961⁽¹⁾ (relating to humid factories) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) After subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(2A) In this section, unless the context otherwise requires—

“dry bulb temperature” means the temperature measured by an accurate and properly maintained thermometer (which may form part of the hygrometer) and any reference in this section to a dry bulb thermometer, or without qualification to a thermometer, shall be taken to be a reference to such a thermometer and a reference without qualification to temperature shall be taken to be a reference to the dry bulb temperature;

“hygrometer” means an accurate and properly maintained and calibrated instrument for the measurement of the relative humidity in the work-place;

“wet bulb temperature” means either—

- (a) the temperature indicated by the wet bulb of a static hygrometer which relies on natural circulation of air around the thermometers; or
- (b) the temperature calculated from the dry bulb temperature and relative humidity by the method approved for the time being by the Health and Safety Executive, and any reference in this section to the reading of the wet bulb thermometer shall be taken to be a reference to the wet bulb temperature.”

(3) In subsection (3)—

- (a) in the opening words after the words “two hygrometers” there shall be inserted the words “and a thermometer close to each hygrometer”, and the words from “conforming to” to “be prescribed” shall be repealed;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (a) for the word “fixed” there shall be substituted the word “placed”;
- (c) sub-paragraph (b) shall be repealed;

⁽¹⁾ 1961 c. 34, relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1983/978.

- (d) in sub-paragraph (c) after the words “read the hygrometers” there shall be inserted the words “and the thermometers”, and at the end of the subparagraph, the words from “which shall be provided” to the end of that subparagraph shall be repealed.
- (e) for sub-paragraph (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—
 - “(d) the records of the wet bulb temperature or temperature and hygrometer readings shall be kept by the occupier for at least two years from when they were made and the occupier shall give his employees immediate access to those records on request together with such information as is necessary for their interpretation.”.
- (4) In subsection (5) for the words “in the table of humidity” there shall be substituted the words “in Schedule 1 to this Act”.
- (5) In subsection (7), for the word “fixed”—
 - (a) in the first place where it occurs, there shall be substituted “and one thermometer close to it placed”; and
 - (b) in the second place where it occurs, there shall be substituted “and ther mometers placed”.
- (6) In subsection (8) the words from “and a copy” to the end of the subsection shall be repealed.
- (7) Section 79 of the Factories Act 1961 (restriction of approval of plans for cotton cloth factories) shall be repealed.