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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1713**

**The Confined Spaces Regulations 1997**

**Work in confined spaces**

4.—(1) No person at work shall enter a confined space to carry out work for any purpose unless it is not reasonably practicable to achieve that purpose without such entry.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1) above, so far as is reasonably practicable, no person at work shall enter or carry out any work in or (other than as a result of an emergency) leave a confined space otherwise than in accordance with a system of work which, in relation to any relevant specified risks, renders that work safe and without risks to health.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** [Reg. 4](#) in force at 28.1.1998, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Confined Spaces Regulations 1997, Section 4.