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HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999

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The Secretary of State, being the designated Minister(1) for the purpose of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the regulation and control of classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations, and for measures related to consumer protection, in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section 2(2) and sections 15(1), (2), (4)(a) and 82(3)(a) of, and paragraph 1(1)(b) and (4) of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(3) ("the 1974 Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, for the purpose of giving effect without modifications to proposals submitted to him by the said Commission under section 11(2)(d) of the 1974 Act after the carrying out by the said Commission of consultations in accordance with section 50(3) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 1st January 2000.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, "the principal Regulations" means the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 1994(**4**).

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1976/897 and S.I. 1993/2661.

^{(2) 1972} c. 68; the definition of the Treaties referred to in section 2(2) was extended by section 1 of the European Economic Area Act 1993 (c. 51).

^{(3) 1974} c. 37; sections 15(1) and 50(3) were amended by the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), Schedule 15, paragraphs 6 and 16(3) respectively.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 1994/3247, amended by S.I. 1996/1092, 1997/1460, 1998/3106 and 1999/197.

Amendments to the principal Regulations

3. In regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations, in the definition of "approved classification and labelling guide", for the words "3rd edition" and "25th March 1997" there shall be substituted the words "Fourth edition" and "12th October 1999" respectively.

4. For regulation 4 of the principal Regulations, there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"4. In these Regulations, the "approved supply list" means the document entitled "Information Approved for the Classification and Labelling of Substances and Preparations Dangerous for Supply (Fifth Edition)" approved by the Health and Safety Commission on 12th October 1999.".

Transitional provisions

5. Until 1st July 2000, it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of the principal Regulations, if the requirements of those Regulations are complied with as in force immediately before these Regulations came into force.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Larry Whitty Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

23rd November 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 1994 by introducing new editions of the approved classification and labelling guide (regulation 3) and the approved supply list (regulation 4) thereby implementing Article 1 of Commission Directive 98/98/EC (OJ No. L355, 30.12.98, p. 1) adapting to technical progress for the 25th time Council Directive 67/548/EEC (OJ No. L196, 16.8.67, p. 1) on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances.

Regulation 5 provides for a transitional period until 1st July 2000 during which a person may either comply with the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations or the principal Regulations as in force immediately before these Regulations came into force.

Copies of the approved supply list (Fifth edition) (ISBN 0-7176-1725-4) and the approved classification and labelling guide (Fourth edition) (ISBN 0-7176-1726-2) are available from HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6FS (Telephone: 01787 881165; Fax: 01787 313995); and good booksellers.

A copy of the regulatory impact assessment prepared in respect of these Regulations can be obtained from the Health and Safety Executive, Economic Advisers Unit, Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HS. Copies have been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.