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### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999

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- 2. An "explosive" means: (a) (i) a substance or preparation which...
- 3. "Flammable", "highly flammable", and "extremely flammable" in categories 6, 7...
- 4. The addition of dangerous substances to determine the quantity present...

# SCHEDULE 2 — PRINCIPLES TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PREPARING MAJOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION POLICY DOCUMENT

- 1. For the purpose of implementing the operator's major accident prevention...
- 2. The major accident prevention policy should be established in writing...
- 3. The safety management system should include the part of the...
- 4. The following issues shall be addressed by the safety management...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN A NOTIFICATION

- 1. the name and address of the operator;
- 2. the address of the establishment concerned;
- 3. the name or position of the person in charge of...
- 4. information sufficient to identify the dangerous substances or category of...
- 5. the quantity and physical form of the dangerous substances present;...
- 6. a description of the activity or proposed activity of the...
- 7. details of the elements of the immediate environment liable to...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF SAFETY REPORTS

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- 1. demonstrating that a major accident prevention policy and a safety...
- 2. demonstrating that major accident hazards have been identified and that...
- 3. demonstrating that adequate safety and reliability have been incorporated into...
- 4. demonstrating that on-site emergency plans have been drawn up and...
- 5. providing sufficient information to the competent authority to enable decisions...
  - PART 2 MINIMUM INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN SAFETY REPORT(*This Part sets out the provisions of Annex II to the Directive*)
- 1. Information on the management system and on the organisation of...
- 2. Presentation of the environment of the establishment:
- 3. Description of installation: (a) a description of the main activities...
- 4. Identification and accidental risks analysis and prevention methods:
- 5. Measures of protection and intervention to limit the consequences of...

#### SCHEDULE 5 — EMERGENCY PLANS

PART 1 — OBJECTIVES OF ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE EMERGENCY PLANS(This Part sets out the provisions of Article 11(2) of the Directive)

- 1. containing and controlling incidents so as to minimise the effects,...
- 2. implementing the measures necessary to protect persons and the environment...
- 3. communicating the necessary information to the public and to the...
- 4. providing for the restoration and clean-up of the environment following...
  - PART 2 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN ON-SITE EMERGENCY
    PLAN(This Part sets out the provision of paragraph 1 of Annex IV to
    the Directive)
- 1. names or positions of persons authorised to set emergency procedures...
- 2. name or position of the person with responsibility for liaison...
- 3. for foreseeable conditions or events which could be significant in...
- 4. arrangements for limiting the risks to persons on site including...
- 5. arrangements for providing early warning of the incident to the...
- 6. arrangements for training staff in the duties they will be...

- 7. arrangements for providing assistance with off-site mitigatory action.
  - PART 3 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN OFF-SITE EMERGENCY PLAN(This Part sets out the provisions of paragraph 2 of Annex IV to the Directive)
- 1. names or positions of persons authorised to set emergency procedures...
- 2. arrangements for receiving early warning of incidents, and alert and...
- 3. arrangements for co-ordinating resources necessary to implement the off-site emergency...
- 4. arrangements for providing assistance with on-site mitigatory action;
- 5. arrangements for off-site mitigatory action;
- 6. arrangements for providing the public with specific information relating to...
- 7. arrangements for the provision of information to the emergency services...

## SCHEDULE 6 — INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE PUBLIC(This Schedule sets out the provisions of Annex V to the Directive)

- 1. name of operator and address of the establishment;
- 2. identification, by position held, of the person giving the information;...
- 3. confirmation that the establishment is subject to these regulations and...
- 4. an explanation in simple terms of the activity or activities...
- 5. the common names or, in the case of dangerous substances...
- 6. general information relating to the nature of the major accident...
- 7. adequate information on how the population concerned will be warned...
- 8. adequate information on the actions the population concerned should take....
- 9. confirmation that the operator is required to make adequate arrangements...
- 10. a reference to the off-site emergency plan for the establishment....
- 11. details of where further relevant information can be obtained, unless...

# SCHEDULE 7 — CRITERIA FOR NOTIFICATION OF A MAJOR ACCIDENT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND INFORMATION TO BE NOTIFIED

- PART 1 CRITERIA(This Part sets out the provisions of Annex VI to the Directive)
- 1. Any accident covered in sub-paragraph (a) or having at least...
- 2. Accidents or 'near misses' which Member States regard as being...

#### PART 2 — INFORMATION

- 1. The Member State and the name and address of the...
- 2. The date, time and place of the major accident, including...
- 3. A brief description of the circumstances of the accident, including...
- 4. A brief description of the emergency measures taken and of...

## SCHEDULE 8 — PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY

- 1. The competent authority shall maintain a register containing the information...
- 2. The competent authority may remove from the register information relating...
- 3. Where information of any description is excluded from the register...
- 4. It shall be the duty of the competent authority—
- 5. The register may be kept in any form.
- 6. No information shall be included in the register if and...
- 7. The Secretary of State may, for the purpose of securing...

- 8. The competent authority shall notify the Secretary of State of...
- 9. A person may, as respects any information which appears to...
- 10. No information relating to the affairs of any individual or...
- 11. Where information is provided to the competent authority pursuant to...
- 12. A determination under paragraph 11 must be made within the...
- 13. Where, under paragraph 11 above, the competent authority determines that...
- 14. Subsections (5) and (10) of section 15 of the Environmental...
- 15. The Secretary of State may give to the competent authority...
- 16. Information excluded from the register shall be treated as ceasing...
- 17. Paragraphs 13 and 14 above shall apply in relation to...
- 18. Information is, for the purposes of any determination under this...
- 19. The Environment and Safety Information Act 1988 shall apply to...
- 20. Any information other than that referred to in paragraph 1...

**Explanatory Note**