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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998**

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**THE PROVISION AND USE OF WORK  
EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS 1998**

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

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SCHEDULE 1 — INSTRUMENTS WHICH GIVE EFFECT TO COMMUNITY  
DIRECTIVES CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF PRODUCTS

SCHEDULE 2 — POWER PRESSES TO WHICH REGULATIONS 32 TO 35 DO  
NOT APPLY

1. A power press for the working of hot metal.
2. A power press not capable of a stroke greater than...
3. A guillotine.
4. A combination punching and shearing machine, turret punch press or...
5. A machine, other than a press brake, for bending steel...
6. A straightening machine.
7. An upsetting machine.
8. A heading machine.
9. A riveting machine.
10. An eyeletting machine.
11. A press-stud attaching machine.
12. A zip fastener bottom stop attaching machine.
13. A stapling machine.

14. A wire stitching machine.
15. A power press for the compacting of metal powders.

SCHEDULE 3 — INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN A REPORT OF A  
THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF A POWER PRESS, GUARD  
OR PROTECTION DEVICE

1. The name of the employer for whom the thorough examination...
2. The address of the premises at which the thorough examination...
3. In relation to each item examined— (a) that it is...
4. In relation to the first thorough examination of a power...
5. In relation to a thorough examination of a power press...
6. In relation to a thorough examination of a guard or...
7. Any repair, renewal or alteration required to remedy a defect...
8. In the case of a defect which is not yet...
9. Any other defect which requires remedy.
10. Any repair, renewal or alteration referred to in paragraph 7...
11. The date on which any defect referred to in paragraph...
12. The qualification and address of the person making the report;...
13. The date of the thorough examination.
14. The date of the report.
15. The name of the person making the report and where...

SCHEDULE 4 — REVOCATION OF INSTRUMENTS

Explanatory Note