### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1978 No. 1039 (N.I. 9)

# Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

[25th July 1978]

# HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1978

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# **SCHEDULES**

# SCHEDULE 1 — EXISTING STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 1. The provisions of the Acts mentioned in the following table which are specified in the...
- 2. The provisions of any regulations, orders or other instruments of a legislative character made or...
- 3. The provisions of— (a) the Explosives Act 1875, and (b) the Explosives Act (Northern Ireland)...

# SCHEDULE 2 — THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

— Status

1. The Executive shall be a body corporate to which, subject...

Para.2 rep by 1998 NI 18

— Members

- 3. Persons may be appointed as whole-time or part-time members of...
- 4. Subject to paragraphs 5 and 6 a person shall hold...
- 5. A person may at any time resign office as chairman,...
- 6. (1) The Head of the Department may at any time...
- 7. Past service as chairman, deputy chairman or member of the...
  - Remuneration of members
- 8. The Department may pay or make such payments towards the...
  - Proceedings
- 9. The Executive may regulate its own procedure and business including...
- 10. A person authorised in writing in that behalf by the...
- 11. The validity of any proceedings of the Executive shall not...
  - The Seal

- 12. The fixing of the common seal of the Executive shall...
  - Instruments
- 13. A document purporting to be duly executed under the common...
- 14. Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed...
  - Staff
- 15. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Executive with the approval...
  - Performance of functions
- 16. The Executive may authorise any member of the Executive or...
- 17. The Executive with the consent of the Department concerned may...
- 17A (1) The Executive shall prepare in respect of the period...
  - Accounts and reports
- 18. (1) The Executive shall—(a) keep proper accounts and proper...

# SCHEDULE 3 — SUBJECT-MATTER OF HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 1. (1) Regulating or prohibiting— (a) the manufacture, supply or use of any plant; (b) the...
- 2. (1) Prohibiting or regulating the transport of articles or substances of any specified description. (2)...
- 3. (1) Prohibiting the carrying on of any specified activity or the doing of any specified...
- 4. Requiring any person, premises or thing to be registered in any specified circumstances or as...
- 5. (1) Requiring, in specified circumstances, the appointment (whether in a specified capacity or not) of...
- 6. Regulating or prohibiting in specified circumstances the employment of persons.
- 7. (1) Requiring the making of arrangements for securing the health of persons at work or...
- 8. Imposing requirements with respect to any matter affecting the conditions in which persons work, including...
- 9. Securing the provision of specified welfare facilities for persons at work, including in particular such...
- 10. Imposing requirements with respect to the provision and use in specified circumstances of protective clothing...
- 11. Requiring in specified circumstances the taking of specified precautions in connection with the risk of...
- 12. (1) Prohibiting or imposing requirements in connection with the emission within any premises of any...
- 13. Imposing requirements with respect to the instruction, training and supervision of persons at work.
- 14. (1) Requiring, in specified circumstances, specified matters to be notified in a specified manner to...
- 15. Imposing requirements with respect to the keeping and preservation of records and other documents, including...
- 16. Imposing requirements with respect to the management of animals.
- 17. The following purposes as regards premises of any specified description where persons work, namely—(a)...
- 18. Conferring, in specified circumstances involving a risk of fire or explosion, power to search a...
- 19. Restricting, prohibiting or requiring the doing of any specified thing where any accident or other...

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- 20. As regards cases of any specified class, being a class such that the variety in...
- 21. Conferring on any district council power to make byelaws with respect to any specified matter,...
- 22. (1) In this Schedule "specified" means specified in health and safety regulations. (2) Any mention...
- SCHEDULE 3A OFFENCES: MODE OF TRIAL AND MAXIMUM PENALTY The mode of trial and maximum penalty applicable to each offence listed in the first...
  - Schedule 4 rep. by 1998 NI 18
  - SCHEDULE 5 THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965 (c.20)
    - Parts I (paras.1#4), II (paras.5#11)—Amendments
    - PART III TRANSITIONAL PROVISION
- 12. Where, at the commencement of this Schedule, a person's employment is unlawful under section 74(2)...
  - Schedule 6—Amendments
  - Schedule 7—Repeals

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