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HEALTH AND SAFETY**Locomotives (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983***Made* 21st September 1983*Coming into operation* 21st December 1983

The Department of Economic Development being the Department concerned(a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 45(1) and (2) and 55(2) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland and such other bodies as appear to it to be appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Locomotives (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 21st December 1983.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Locomotives and Waggon (Used on Lines and Sidings) Regulations 1906(c).

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2. The provisions of the principal Regulations specified in column 1 of the Schedule shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

Application to existing plant or to plant under construction

3. Where any plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal Regulations as then in force, then that plant shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland on 21st September 1983.

(L.S.)

Trevor Pearson

Assistant Secretary

(a) See Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)

(b) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)

(c) S.R. & O. 1906 No. 679 (p. 181)

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Amendments to the Principal Regulations

1 <i>Regulation to be amended</i>	2 <i>Subject matter of measurement</i>	3 <i>Present measurement</i>	4 <i>Measurement to be substituted</i>
Locomotives and Waggons (Used on Lines and Sidings) Regulations 1906			
Definition	Definition of Gantry	6 feet	2 metres
Application	Minimum gauge of rail to which Regulations apply	3 feet	920 millimetres
Regulation 9	Distance between materials and line of rails	3 feet	920 millimetres
	Maximum distance between recesses where the materials exceed that length	20 yards	20 metres

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Locomotives and Waggon (Used on Lines and Sidings) Regulations 1906 by substituting measurements expressed in metric units for measurements not so expressed. The substituted measurements preserve the effect of the original provisions except to the extent necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments do not relate to plant which was in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if that plant complied with the then existing Regulations.