
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 90

**Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1978 Order” means the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978;

“agricultural activities”—

(a) includes horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming, livestock breeding and keeping, forestry, the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land, market gardens and nursery grounds and the preparation of land for agricultural use;

(b) does not include such activities at a garden centre or other shop;

“common parts” means those parts of premises used in common by, or for providing services to or common facilities for, the occupiers of the premises;

“construction work” and “contractor” have the respective meanings assigned to them by regulation 2(1) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(1);

“the Department” means the Department of Economic Development;

“dock premises” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Docks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(2);

“electricity system” does not include the electric lines situated upon the consumer’s side of the supply terminals together with any apparatus permanently connected or intended to be permanently connected thereto;

“the Executive” means the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland;

“fairground” means such part of premises as is for the time being used wholly or mainly for the operation of any fairground equipment, other than a coin-operated ride, non-powered childrens' playground equipment, swimming pool slide, go-kart, or plant designed to be used by members of the public for entertainment purposes for bouncing upon;

“gas” has the same meaning as in Part III of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(3);

“gas fittings” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(4);

“gas system” does not include a portable or mobile appliance supplied with gas from a cylinder, or the cylinder, pipes and other fittings used for supplying gas to that appliance;

“ionising radiation” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Ionising Radiations Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985(5);

(1) [S.R. 1995 No. 209](#)

(2) [S.R. 1989 No. 320](#) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(3) [S.I. 1996/275 \(N.I. 2\)](#)

(4) [S.R. 1997 No. 194](#)

(5) [S.R. 1985 No. 273](#) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

“livestock” means any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skins or fur or for the purpose of any agricultural activity;

“mine” has the meaning assigned to it by section 156(1) of the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(6);

“office activities” includes any activity for the purposes of administration, clerical work, handling money, telephone and telegraph operating and the production of computer software by the use of computers; and for this purpose “clerical work” includes writing, book keeping, sorting papers, filing, typing, duplicating, machine calculating, drawing and the editorial preparation of matter for publication except where that preparation is on the premises where newspapers, magazines, periodicals or books are printed;

“pleasure craft” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Docks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989;

“preparation dangerous for supply” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(7);

“quarry” has the meaning assigned to it by Article 2(2) of the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(8);

“railway” means any railway or tramway which in either case is used for the carriage of persons or goods;

“substance dangerous for supply” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995;

“veterinary surgery” has the meaning assigned to it by section 27(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(9);

“work” in relation to a gas fitting has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;

“zoo” means a zoological establishment within the meaning of section 12(1) of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(10).

(2) In these Regulations, any reference to the enforcing authority for premises or parts of premises is a reference to the enforcing authority for the relevant statutory provisions in relation to those premises or parts, as the case may be, and to any activity carried on in them.

(6) 1969 c. 6 (N.I.)

(7) S.R. 1995 No. 60 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(8) S.I. 1983/150 (N.I. 4)

(9) 1966 c. 36

(10) 1972 c. 7 (N.I.); section 12(1) was amended by S.I. 1994/1891 (N.I. 6) Article 14