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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2000 No. 388**

**Management of Health and Safety at  
Work Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

**Exemption certificates**

**20.**—(1) The Secretary of State for Defence may, in the interests of national security, by a certificate in writing exempt—

- (a) any of the home forces, any visiting force or any headquarters from those requirements of these Regulations which impose obligations, other than those in regulations 16 to 18, on employers; or
- (b) any member of the home forces, any member of a visiting force or any member of a headquarters from the requirements imposed by regulation 14;

and any exemption such as is specified in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) may be granted subject to conditions and to a limit of time and may be revoked by the said Secretary of State by a further certificate in writing at any time.

(2) In this regulation—

- (a) “the home forces” has the same meaning as in section 12(1) of the Visiting Forces Act 1952<sup>(1)</sup>;
- (b) “headquarters” means a headquarters for the time being specified in Schedule 2 to the Visiting Forces and International Headquarters (Application of Law) Order 1999<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (c) “member of a headquarters” has the same meaning as in paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule to the International Headquarters and Defence Organisations Act 1964<sup>(3)</sup>; and
- (d) “visiting force” has the same meaning as it does for the purposes of any provision of Part I of the Visiting Forces Act 1952.

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(1) 1952 c. 67  
(2) S.I. 1999/1736  
(3) 1964 c. 5