

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4

General Principles of Prevention

(This Schedule specifies the general principles of prevention set out in Article 6(2) of Council Directive [89/391/EEC](#)⁽¹⁾)

- (a) avoiding risks;
- (b) evaluating the risks which cannot be avoided;
- (c) combating the risks at source;
- (d) adapting the work to the individual, especially as regards the design of workplaces, the choice of work equipment and the choice of working and production methods, with a view, in particular, to alleviating monotonous work and work at a predetermined work-rate and to reducing their effect on health;
- (e) adapting to technical progress;
- (f) replacing the dangerous by the non-dangerous or the less dangerous;
- (g) developing a coherent overall prevention policy which covers technology, organisation of work, working conditions, social relationships and the influence of factors relating to the working environment;
- (h) giving collective protective measures priority over individual protective measures; and
- (i) giving appropriate instructions to employees.

(1) O.J. No. L183, 29.6.89, p. 1