

**2015 No. 367**

**CLEAN AIR**

**The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Made* - - - - *10th November 2015*

*Coming into operation* - *10th December 2015*

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 2(2) of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981<sup>(a)</sup>.

In accordance with that Article, the Department of the Environment has had regard, amongst other things, to the sulphur content of the fuels described in regulation 2.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 10th December 2015.

**Amendments to the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

2.—(1) The Schedule to the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013<sup>(b)</sup> is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4)—

(2) After paragraph 17B, insert—

“**17C.** CPL Restaurant Grade Charcoal manufactured by Kunfayakun Global Treasures Limited (KGT) at Kunfayakun Stores, No. 1, Aranse Street, Station, Sagamu, Orgub State E17, Shagamu International Market, Nigeria, which—

- (a) comprises pyrolised Anogeissus Leiocarpus, Burkea Africana, Distemonanthus Benthamianus and Viteloria Paracloxum;
- (b) was manufactured using a kiln pyrolysis process at approximately 450°C to 550°C;
- (c) are unmarked charcoal pieces of between 50mm and 180mm; and
- (d) have a sulphur content not exceeding 1.9% of the total weight on a dry basis.”

(3) For paragraph 21, substitute—

“**21.** Ecoal briquettes (also marketed as Homefire Ecoal briquettes and Supertherm 30), manufactured by Coal Products Limited at Immingham Briquetting Works, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, which—

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(a) S.I. 1981/158 (N.I. 4), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) S.R. 2013 No. 205, as amended by S.R. 2014 No. 249.

- (a) comprise anthracite fines (as to approximately 40 to 65% of the total weight), petroleum coke (as to approximately 20 to 40% of the total weight), bituminous coal (as to approximately 0 to 20% of the total weight), biomass (as to approximately 5 to 20% of the total weight), biomass char (as to approximately 0 to 10% of the total weight) and molasses and phosphoric acid as binder (as to a maximum of 20% of the total weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing and heat treatment at approximately 300°C;
- (c) are unmarked pillow shaped briquettes that are typically 72mm in length, 58mm in width and 42mm in height or are unmarked hexagonal briquettes that are typically 70mm in length, 73mm in width and 39 mm in height;
- (d) have an average weight of 125g per briquette; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 2% of the total weight.”

(4) After paragraph 27A, insert—

“**27B.** Firegold briquettes, manufactured by Coal Products Limited at Immingham Briquetting Works, Immingham, North East Lincolnshire, which—

- (a) comprise anthracite (as to approximately 36 to 51% of the total weight), petroleum coke (as to approximately 40 to 55% of the total weight) and an organic binder or a molasses and phosphoric acid binder (as to a maximum of 20% of the total weight);
- (b) were manufactured from those constituents by a process involving roll-pressing;
- (c) are unmarked pillow shaped briquettes that are typically 54mm in length, 58mm in width and 34mm in height;
- (d) have an average weight of 87g per briquette; and
- (e) have a sulphur content not exceeding 2% of the total weight on a dry basis.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 10th November 2015.



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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013 No. 205), to add two new fuels to the list of fuels declared to be authorised fuels, for the purposes of Article 2(2) of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

A further entry has also been included as a substitute for Ecoal briquettes (in paragraph 21 of the Schedule), due to a number of changes to the product.

These fuels are authorised as smokeless fuels for use in areas that have been designated by district councils as smoke control areas.

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