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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 146**

**The Construction (Design and Management)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**PART 3**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DUTIES AND ROLES**

**Construction phase plan and health and safety file**

**12.**—(1) During the pre-construction phase, and before setting up a construction site, the principal contractor shall draw up a construction phase plan, or make arrangements for a construction phase plan to be drawn up.

(2) The construction phase plan shall set out the health and safety arrangements and site rules taking account, where necessary, of the industrial activities taking place on the construction site and, where applicable, shall include specific measures concerning work which falls within one or more of the categories set out in Schedule 4.

(3) The principal designer shall assist the principal contractor in preparing the construction phase plan by providing to the principal contractor all information the principal designer holds that is relevant to the construction phase plan including—

- (a) pre-construction information obtained from the client;
- (b) any information obtained from designers under regulation 9(3)(b).

(4) Throughout the project the principal contractor shall ensure that the construction phase plan is appropriately reviewed, updated and revised from time to time so that it continues to be sufficient to ensure that construction work is carried out, so far as is reasonably practicable, without risks to health or safety.

(5) During the pre-construction phase, the principal designer shall prepare a health and safety file appropriate to the characteristics of the project which shall contain information relating to the project which is likely to be needed during any subsequent project to ensure the health and safety of any person.

(6) The principal designer shall ensure that the health and safety file is appropriately reviewed, updated and revised from time to time to take account of the work and any changes that have occurred

(7) During the project, the principal contractor shall provide the principal designer with any information in the principal contractor's possession relevant to the health and safety file, for inclusion in the health and safety file.

(8) If the principal designer's appointment concludes before the end of the project, the principal designer shall pass the health and safety file to the principal contractor.

(9) Where the health and safety file is passed to the principal contractor under paragraph (8), the principal contractor shall ensure that the health and safety file is appropriately reviewed, updated and revised from time to time to take account of the work and any changes that have occurred.

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**Changes to legislation:** *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016, Section 12. (See end of Document for details)*

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(10) At the end of the project, the principal designer, or where there is no principal designer the principal contractor, shall pass the health and safety file to the client.

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