



Factories Act 1937

CHAPTER 67

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- 21 Training and supervision of young persons working at dangerous machines.
- 22 Hoists and lifts.
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- 40 Power of court of summary jurisdiction to make orders as to dangerous factory.

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- 57 Prohibition of employment of female young persons where certain processes are carried on.
- 58 Prohibition of employment of women and young persons in certain processes connected with lead manufacture.
- 59 Provisions as to employment of women and young persons in processes involving use of lead compounds.

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- 60 Power to make special regulations for safety and health.

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- 61 Prohibition of importation and sale of articles made with prohibited materials.
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- 81 Exception as to male young persons employed in shifts.
- 82 Exception for factories operating the five-day week.
- 83 Exception as to hour of commencement of period of employment.
- 84 Exception as to simultaneous hours for meals and rest.
- 85 Exception as to employment during intervals.

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- 86 Exception as to use of rooms during intervals.
- 87 Exception as to continuous employment of male young persons employed with men.
- 88 Exception as to male young persons employed on repairing work.
- 89 Exception as to Saturday.
- 90 Exception as to holidays on different days for different sets.
- 91 Exception as to Sundays and Saturdays in Jewish factories.
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- 95 Exception as to factories where milk is treated.
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- 98 Regulation of employment of young persons in certain occupations.

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- 99 Certificate of fitness for employment of young persons.
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- 104 Institutions.

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- 105 Docks, &c.
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- 107 Building operations.
- 108 Works of engineering construction.

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- 109 Employment of women and young persons in places other than factories in processes connected with lead manufacture or involving the use of lead compounds.

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- 137 Power of occupier or owner to exempt himself from liability on conviction of the actual offender.
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- 139 Owner of machine liable in certain cases instead of occupier.
- 140 Prosecution of offences and recovery and application of fines.
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FIRST SCHEDULE — Table of Humidity.

SECOND — Procedure for making Special Regulations.
SCHEDULE

- 1 Before the Secretary of State makes any special regulations, he...
- 2 Every objection must be in writing and state—
- 3 The Secretary of State shall consider any objection made by...
- 4 If after the publication of the notice with respect to...
- 5 Where any such inquiry is to be held as to...
- 6 For the purposes of this Schedule the expression “general objection...

THIRD SCHEDULE — Provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, to be administered by district councils.

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PART I

PART II — PROVISIONS APPLICABLE IN LONDON AND SCOTLAND ONLY.

FOURTH SCHEDULE — Enactments repealed.