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**1959 No. 906**

**FACTORIES**

**The First-aid Boxes in Factories Order, 1959**

*Made* - - - - - 21st May, 1959

*Coming into Operation*      1st January, 1960

The Minister of Labour and National Service by virtue of the powers conferred on him by section 45 of the Factories Act, 1937(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation, commencement and revocation*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the First-aid Boxes in Factories Order, 1959, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1960.

(2) The First Aid in Factories Order, 1938(b), is hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

“approved” means approved for the time being by certificate of the Chief Inspector of Factories;

“first-aid box or cupboard” means a first-aid box or cupboard required by section 45 of the principal Act to be provided and maintained;

“the principal Act” means the Factories Act, 1937(a), as amended by or under any other Act.

(3) Where in the case of any factory requirements are imposed under the principal Act for the provision or maintenance of appliances or requisites for first-aid beyond those herein prescribed, this Order shall not affect the operation of those requirements.

*Contents and marking of first-aid boxes or cupboards*

3.—(1) Each first-aid box or cupboard in any factory shall contain the equipment and materials specified in relation to that factory in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) Each first-aid box or cupboard shall be marked plainly “FIRST AID”.

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(a) 1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 67. (b) S.R. & O. 1938/486 (Rev. VII, p. 133: 1938 I, p. 1229).  
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

*Requirements as to dressings*

4. All materials for dressings contained in first-aid boxes or cupboards shall be those designated in, and of a grade or quality not lower than the standards specified by, the British Pharmaceutical Codex including any supplement thereto being a supplement current at the date of this Order or approved for the purposes of this Order.

Signed by Order of the Minister of Labour and National Service this 21st day of May, 1959.

*Harold Emmerson,*

Secretary,

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

**SCHEDULE**

**CONTENTS OF FIRST-AID BOXES OR CUPBOARDS**

*Part One*

*Factories in which the number of persons employed does not exceed ten*

- (i) A copy of the leaflet giving advice on first-aid treatment (Form 1008) issued by the Minister of Labour and National Service.
- (ii) A sufficient number (not less than six) of small sterilized unmedicated dressings for injured fingers.
- (iii) A sufficient number (not less than three) of medium-sized sterilized unmedicated dressings for injured hands or feet.
- (iv) A sufficient number (not less than three) of large sterilized unmedicated dressings for other injured parts.
- (v) A sufficient number (not less than twelve) of adhesive wound dressings of an approved type and of assorted sizes.
- (vi) A sufficient number (not less than two) of triangular bandages of unbleached calico, the longest side of which measures not less than fifty-one inches and each of the other sides not less than thirty-six inches.
- (vii) A sufficient supply of adhesive plaster.
- (viii) A sufficient supply of absorbent sterilized cotton wool in half-ounce packets.
- (ix) A sufficient supply of approved eye ointment in a container of an approved type and size.
- (x) A sufficient number (not less than two) of sterilized eye-pads in separate sealed packets.
- (xi) A rubber bandage or pressure bandage.
- (xii) Safety pins.

*Part Two*

*Factories in which the number of persons employed exceeds ten but does not exceed fifty*

- (i) A copy of the leaflet giving advice on first-aid treatment (Form 1008) issued by the Minister of Labour and National Service.
- (ii) A sufficient number (not less than twelve) of small sterilized unmedicated dressings for injured fingers.
- (iii) A sufficient number (not less than six) of medium-sized sterilized unmedicated dressings for injured hands or feet.
- (iv) A sufficient number (not less than six) of large sterilized unmedicated dressings for other injured parts.

- (v) A sufficient number (not less than twenty-four) of adhesive wound dressings of an approved type and of assorted sizes.
- (vi) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of unbleached calico, the longest side of which measures not less than fifty-one inches and each of the other sides not less than thirty-six inches.
- (vii) A sufficient supply of adhesive plaster.
- (viii) A sufficient supply of absorbent sterilized cotton wool in half-ounce packets.
- (ix) A sufficient supply of approved eye ointment in a container of an approved type and size.
- (x) A sufficient number (not less than four) of sterilized eye-pads in separate sealed packets.
- (xi) A rubber bandage or pressure bandage.
- (xii) Safety pins.

### *Part Three*

#### *Factories in which the number of persons employed exceeds fifty*

- (i) A copy of the leaflet giving advice on first-aid treatment (Form 1008) issued by the Minister of Labour and National Service.
- (ii) A sufficient number (not less than twenty-four) of small sterilized unmedicated dressings for injured fingers.
- (iii) A sufficient number (not less than twelve) of medium-sized sterilized unmedicated dressings for injured hands or feet.
- (iv) A sufficient number (not less than twelve) of large sterilized unmedicated dressings for other injured parts.
- (v) A sufficient number (not less than thirty-six) of adhesive wound dressings of an approved type and of assorted sizes.
- (vi) A sufficient number (not less than eight) of triangular bandages of unbleached calico, the longest side of which measures not less than fifty-one inches and each of the other sides not less than thirty-six inches.
- (vii) A sufficient supply of adhesive plaster.
- (viii) A sufficient supply of absorbent sterilized cotton wool in half-ounce packets.
- (ix) A sufficient supply of approved eye ointment in a container of an approved type and size.
- (x) A sufficient number (not less than eight) of sterilized eye-pads in separate sealed packets.
- (xi) A rubber bandage or pressure bandage.
- (xii) Safety pins.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order prescribes the standard of first-aid box or cupboard required to be provided and maintained in factories.

**STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

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- (1) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 1 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (2) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 2 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (3) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 3 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (4) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 4 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (5) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 5 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (6) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 6 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (7) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 7 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (8) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 8 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (9) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 9 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (10) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 10 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (11) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 11 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (12) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 12 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (13) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 13 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (14) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 14 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (15) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 15 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (16) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 16 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (17) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 17 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (18) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 18 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (19) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 19 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.
- (20) A sufficient number (not less than four) of triangular bandages of the type specified in Schedule 20 to this Order shall be provided in every factory.

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This Order prescribes the standard of first-aid boxes or cupboards to be provided and maintained in factories. It is intended to indicate the general nature of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general nature.

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