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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1983 No. 1579

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

**The Hoists and Lifts (Metrication) Regulations 1983**

*Made* - - - - 23rd October 1983  
*Laid before Parliament* 2nd November 1983  
*Coming into Operation* 23rd November 1983

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 49(1), (2) and (4) and 82(3)(a) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(a) ("the 1974 Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and for the purpose of giving effect without modifications to proposals submitted to him by the Health and Safety Commission under section 11(2)(d) of the 1974 Act after the carrying out by the said Commission of consultations in accordance with section 50(3) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Hoists and Lifts (Metrication) Regulations 1983 and shall come into operation on 23rd November 1983.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "the principal instruments" means the Regulations and Orders amended by these Regulations, that is to say—

The Hoists Exemption Order 1962(b);

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts) Regulations 1968(c).

*Amendments to the principal instruments to substitute metric measurements for imperial measurements*

2. The provisions of the principal instruments specified in the Schedule to these Regulations in column 1 shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

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(a) 1974 c. 37; section 49 was amended by the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), Schedule 15, paragraph 15.

(b) S.I. 1962/715, amended by S.I. 1967/759.

(c) S.I. 1968/849, amended by S.I. 1974/1943.

*Application to existing premises or plant and premises or plant under construction*

3. Where any premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal instruments as then in force, those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal instruments as amended by these Regulations.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.

*John Selwyn Gummer,*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Employment.

23rd October 1983.

1 Provision to be amended	2 Subject-matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
HOISTS EXEMPTION ORDER 1962 The Schedule Paragraph 2, Column 2 Paragraph 2, Column 3 Paragraph 2, Column 3 Paragraph 3, Column 1 Paragraph 3, Column 3 Paragraph 4, Column 1 Paragraph 6, Column 1 Paragraph 6, Column 3 Paragraph 11, Column 1 Paragraph 13, Column 3 Paragraph 14, Column 3	Height of platform above ground or floor Height of platform above ground or floor Minimum height of suitable guardrails Height of cage or platform Minimum height of enclosure Height of platform above ground or floor Height of opening above ground or floor Height of fixed enclosure Maximum depth of recess for working purposes Maximum depth of recess for handgrip Height of fixed enclosure Maximum distance below landing level Maximum movement of platform Maximum speed of platform Maximum openings in lattice gates	six feet six inches six feet six inches three feet six feet six inches seven feet six feet six inches two feet nine inches two feet nine inches half-an-inch one inch two feet nine inches five feet twelve inches twenty-five feet per minute two and a half inches	2 metres 2 metres 920 millimetres 2 metres 2.2 metres 2 metres 840 millimetres 840 millimetres 13 millimetres 26 millimetres 840 millimetres 1.5 metres 300 millimetres 0.12 metres per second 65 millimetres

## THE SCHEDULE

## Regulation 2

1 Provision to be amended	2 Subject-matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES (HOISTS AND LIFTS) REGULATIONS 1968 The Schedule			
Paragraph 2, Column 2	Height of platform above ground or floor	six feet six inches	2 metres
Paragraph 2, Column 3	Height of platform above ground or floor	six feet six inches	2 metres
Paragraph 2, Column 3	Minimum height of guard rail	three feet	920 millimetres
Paragraph 3, Column 1	Height of cage or platform	six feet six inches	2 metres
Paragraph 3, Column 3	Minimum height of enclosure	seven feet	2.2 metres
Paragraph 4, Column 1	Height of platform above ground or floor	six feet six inches	2 metres
Paragraph 5, Column 1	Height of opening above ground or floor	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres
Paragraph 5, Column 3	Height of fixed enclosure	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres
Paragraph 7, Column 1	Maximum depth of recess for working purposes	half-an-inch	13 millimetres
Paragraph 7, Column 1	Maximum depth of recess for handgrips	one inch	26 millimetres
Paragraph 9, Column 3	Height of fixed enclosure	two feet nine inches	840 millimetres
Paragraph 9, Column 3	Maximum distance below landing level	five feet	1.5 metres
Paragraph 9, Column 3	Maximum movement of platform	twelve inches	300 millimetres
Paragraph 9, Column 3	Maximum speed of platform	twenty-five feet per minute	0.12 metres per second
Paragraph 10, Column 3	Maximum openings in lattice gates	two and a half inches	65 millimetres

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend—

The Hoists Exemption Order 1962; and  
The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts) Regulations 1968,

by substituting amounts or quantities expressed in metric units for amounts or quantities not so expressed. The substituted amounts preserve the effects of the original provisions except to the extent necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient suitable terms.

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments do not relate to premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if those premises or that plant complied with the then existing instruments.

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