
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply to Great Britain, amend the Health and Safety (Emissions into the Atmosphere) Regulations 1983, to take account of Council Directive [84/360/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L188, 16.7.84, p.20) on the combating of air pollution from industrial plants and Council Directive [87/217/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L85, 28.3.87, p.40) on the prevention and reduction of environmental pollution by asbestos, and make certain other provisions for the control of air pollution. Plants belonging to the categories listed in Annex I to Council Directive [84/360/EEC](#), and certain other plants, which were not previously subject to air pollution control under the provisions of Part I of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c. 37) are, by these Regulations, made subject to such control.

Regulation 2 extends the classes of premises from which emissions into the atmosphere may be controlled under Part I of the Act to include certain premises on which certain asbestos works, large combustion works, electricity works above a specified capacity, fibre works, large glass works, large paper pulp works and large general purpose incinerators (including those owned and operated by public authorities) are carried on.

Regulation 3 adds acrylic acid, glass fibres, isocyanates, mineral fibres, phenols, phosphorus or its compounds, styrene, and fumes or dust containing gallium, nickel, platinum, silver, sulphur, tellurium, thallium and tin to the substances that are to be treated as noxious or offensive for the purposes of section 5(1) of the Act.