
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1656

The Work in Compressed Air Regulations 1996

Medical treatment

12.—(1) Every compressed air contractor shall ensure that adequate facilities are provided and maintained for the treatment of persons working in compressed air and for the treatment of persons who have worked in compressed air within the preceding 24 hours.

(2) In the case of work undertaken at a pressure of 0.7 bar or above, the facilities referred to in paragraph (1) shall include—

- (a) a medical lock;
- (b) a person competent to operate that lock; and
- (c) a person (whether the same or in addition to the person referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above) competent to provide medical assistance in respect of any condition arising from such work.

(3) In the case of work undertaken at a pressure of 1.0 bar or above, the facilities referred to in paragraph (1) shall include—

- (a) a medical lock; and
- (b) the presence of a person competent both to operate that lock and to provide medical assistance in respect of any condition arising from such work, which person shall be employed specifically for such purposes.