STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 197

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 1999

Made - - - - 26th January 1999
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Coming into force - - 1st March 1999

The Secretary of State, being the designated Minister(1) for the purpose of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the regulation and control of classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations, and for measures related to consumer protection, in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section 2(2) and sections 15(1), (2), (4)(a) and 82(3)(a) of, and paragraph 1(1)(b) and (4) of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(3) ("the 1974 Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, 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 and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 1st March 1999.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 1994(**4**).

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal Regulations

3. For regulation 4 of the principal Regulations, substitute the following regulation-

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1976/897 and S.I. 1993/2661.

^{(2) 1972} c. 68; the definition of the Treaties referred to in section 2(2) was extended by section 1 of the European Economic Area Act 1993 (c. 51).

^{(3) 1974} c. 37; sections 15(1) and 50(3) were amended by the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), Schedule 15, paragraphs 6 and 16(3) respectively.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 1994/3247, amended by S.I. 1996/1092, 1997/1460 and 1998/3106.

- "4. In these Regulations the "approved supply list" means the document-
 - (a) entitled "Information Approved for the Classification and Labelling of Substances and Preparations Dangerous for Supply (4th Edition)" approved by the Health and Safety Commission on 22nd October 1998;
 - (b) as revised by the document entitled the "Approved Supply List supplement" approved by the Health and Safety Commission on 12th January 1999.".

Transitional provisions

4. Until 31st October 1999, it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of the principal Regulations, if the requirements of those Regulations are complied with as in force immediately before these Regulations came into force.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Alan Meale
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport and
the Regions

26th January 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

- 1. These Regulations amend the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/3247) by introducing a supplement to the 4th edition of the approved supply list (thereby implementing Article 191) of Commission Directive 98/73/EC (OJNo. L305, 16.11.98, p.1) adapting to technical progress for the 24th time Council Directive 67/548/EEC (OJ No. L196, 16.8.67, p.1) on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances).
- **2.** Regulation 4 provides for a transitional period until 31st October 1999 during which a person may either comply with the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations or the principal Regulations as in force immediately before these Regulations came into force.
- **3.** Copies of the approved supply list (4th edition) (ISBN 0 7176 1641 X) and the approved supply list supplement (ISBN 0 7176 1683 5) are available from HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 6FS; Dillons; Rymans the Stationer; and good booksellers.
- **4.** A copy of the regulatory impact assessment prepared in respect of these Regulations can be obtained from the Health and Safety Executive, Economic Advisers Unit, Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HS. Copies have been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.