STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2005 No. 1541

# The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

## PART 1

## GENERAL

**Meaning of "general fire precautions"**

**4.**—(1) In this Order "general fire precautions" in relation to premises means, subject to paragraph (2)—

(a) measures to reduce the risk of fire on the premises and the risk of the spread of fire on the premises;

(b) measures in relation to the means of escape from the premises;

(c) measures for securing that, at all material times, the means of escape can be safely and effectively used;

(d) measures in relation to the means for fighting fires on the premises;

(e) measures in relation to the means for detecting fire on the premises and giving warning in case of fire on the premises; and

(f) measures in relation to the arrangements for action to be taken in the event of fire on the premises, including—

(i) measures relating to the instruction and training of employees; and

(ii) measures to mitigate the effects of the fire.

(2) The precautions referred to in paragraph (1) do not include special, technical or organisational measures required to be taken or observed in any workplace in connection with the carrying on of any work process, where those measures —

(a) are designed to prevent or reduce the likelihood of fire arising from such a work process or reduce its intensity; and

(b) are required to be taken or observed to ensure compliance with any requirement of the relevant statutory provisions within the meaning given by section 53(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc 1974(**1**).

(3) In paragraph (2) "work process" means all aspects of work involving, or in connection with—

(a) the use of plant or machinery; or

(b) the use or storage of any dangerous substance.

(**1**) 1974 c. 37.