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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 33**

**Control of Asbestos at Work  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**Cleanliness of premises and plant**

**16.**—(1) Every employer who undertakes work which exposes or is liable to expose his employees to asbestos shall ensure that—

- (a) the premises or those parts of premises where that work is carried out and the plant used in connection with that work are kept in a clean state; and
- (b) where such work has been completed the premises or those parts of the premises where the work was carried out are thoroughly cleaned.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where a manufacturing process which gives rise to asbestos dust is carried out in a building, the employer shall ensure that any part of the building in which the process is carried out is—

- (a) so designed and constructed as to facilitate cleaning; and
- (b) is equipped with an adequate and suitable vacuum cleaning system which shall, where reasonably practicable, be a fixed system.

(3) Paragraph (2)(a) shall not apply to a building in which, prior to 25th April 1988, there was carried out a process to which either—

- (a) as then in operation, regulation 13 of the Asbestos Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(1) applied and the process was carried out in compliance with that regulation; or
- (b) that regulation did not apply.