
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 325

**The Control of Major Accident Hazards
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Application and exceptions

3.—(1) These Regulations apply to any establishment which is either a lower tier establishment or an upper tier establishment.

(2) These Regulations do not apply to any of the following—

- (a) an establishment which is under the control of—
 - (i) the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Ministry of Defence;
 - (ii) a headquarters or organisation designated for the purposes of the International Headquarters and Defence Organisations Act 1964^{M1} or the service authorities of a visiting force within the meaning of any of the provisions of Part 1 of the Visiting Forces Act 1952^{M2};
- (b) hazards created by ionising radiation originating from substances;
- (c) substances which create a hazard from ionising radiation if present on a nuclear establishment;
- (d) the exploitation, namely the exploration, extraction and processing, of minerals in mines and quarries, including by means of boreholes, except any of the following which involve dangerous substances—
 - (i) onshore underground gas storage in natural strata, aquifers, salt cavities and disused mines;
 - (ii) chemical and thermal processing operations and storage related to those operations;
 - (iii) operational tailings disposal facilities, including tailing ponds or dams;
- (e) the offshore exploration and exploitation of minerals, including hydrocarbons;
- (f) the storage of gas at underground offshore sites including dedicated storage sites and sites where exploration and exploitation of minerals, including hydrocarbons, are also carried out;
- (g) waste landfill sites, including underground waste storage, except—
 - (i) any of the following that involve dangerous substances—
 - (aa) chemical and thermal processing operations and storage related to those operations; or
 - (bb) operational tailings disposal facilities, including tailing ponds or dams;

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- (ii) sites used for the storage of metallic mercury in accordance with a permit issued under Part 2 of the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 ^{M3}.

Marginal Citations

M1 1964 c. 5

M2 1952 c. 67

M3 S.R. 2013 No. 160, as amended by S.R. 2014 No. 304

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