



Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 37

An Act to make further provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons at work, for protecting others against risks to health or safety in connection with the activities of persons at work, for controlling the keeping and use and preventing the unlawful acquisition, possession and use of dangerous substances, and for controlling certain emissions into the atmosphere; to make further provision with respect to the employment medical advisory service; to amend the law relating to building regulations, and the Building (Scotland) Act 1959; and for connected purposes. [31st July 1974]

Extent Information

- E1** For the application of this Act to Northern Ireland see s. 84(1); Pt. III of this Act (except s. 75 and Sch. 7) does not extend to Scotland see s. 84(2).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act applied (15.12.1999) by 1996 c. 18, **Pt. VIII**, s. 72(4) (as substituted (15.12.1999) by 1999 c. 26, ss. 7, 8, 9, **Sch. 4 Pt. I**; S.I. 1999/2830, **art. 2(2)**)
Act extended (11.10.1999) by S.I. 1999/2550, **reg. 3**
- C2** Act applied by S.I. 1988/778, **reg. 11(1)**
- C3** Act applied by S.I. 1990/13, **reg. 11(5)**
Act applied in part (1.9.1993) by S.I. 1993/1746, **reg. 18(1)(a)**.
Act extended (1.1.1994) by S.I. 1993/2379, **reg. 9(a)**.
Act extended (1.12.1993) by S.I. 1993/2714, **reg. 9(4)(a)**.
Act applied (31.1.1994) by S.I. 1993/3050, **art. 21(1)(a)** (with art. 3).
Act applied (with modifications) (29.7.1994) by S.I. 1994/1806, **regs. 3(1), 12**
Act applied in part (15.3.1995) by S.I. 1995/263, **arts. 3-8, 10**
Act applied (with modifications) (18.7.1995) by S.I. 1995/1629, **art. 30(3)(b)(5)**
- C4** Act: specified provisions applied (with modifications) (29.11.1992) by S.I. 1992/2415, **reg. 4(1)**
- C5** Act: specified provisions applied (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/2997, **reg. 6**
- C6** Act: specified provisions applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3060, **reg. 15(1)**
- C7** Act: specified provisions applied (E.W.S.) (1.2.1993) by S.I. 1992/3217, **reg. 21(1)**

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- C8** Act excluded (E.W.) (1.10.2006) by The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1541), arts. 1(3), **47** (with art. 49) (as amended by The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Subordinate Provisions Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/484), arts. 1(1), **2**)
- C9** Act modified (30.5.2007) by The National Assembly for Wales Commission (Crown Status) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1353), **art. 2**
- C10** Act modified (E.W.S.) (26.3.2015) by The Ship Recycling Facilities Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/430), regs. 1(1), **5** (as amended (31.12.2020) by The Ship Recycling (Facilities and Requirements for Hazardous Materials on Ships) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/277), regs. 1, **3(4)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1))
- C11** Act applied (E.W.S.) (19.7.2015) by The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/398), **reg. 36(8)** (with reg. 4(2), Sch. 14)

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