



Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 37

PART I

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE IN CONNECTION WITH WORK, AND CONTROL OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND CERTAIN EMISSIONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE

Enforcement

19 Appointment of inspectors.

- (1) Every enforcing authority may appoint as inspectors (under whatever title it may from time to time determine) such persons having suitable qualifications as it thinks necessary for carrying into effect the relevant statutory provisions within its field of responsibility, and may terminate any appointment made under this section.
- (2) Every appointment of a person as an inspector under this section shall be made by an instrument in writing specifying which of the powers conferred on inspectors by the relevant statutory provisions are to be exercisable by the person appointed; and an inspector shall in right of his appointment under this section—
 - (a) be entitled to exercise only such of those powers as are so specified; and
 - (b) be entitled to exercise the powers so specified only within the field of responsibility of the authority which appointed him.
- (3) So much of an inspector's instrument of appointment as specifies the powers which he is entitled to exercise may be varied by the enforcing authority which appointed him.
- (4) An inspector shall, if so required when exercising or seeking to exercise any power conferred on him by any of the relevant statutory provisions, produce his instrument of appointment or a duly authenticated copy thereof.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 19 applied by [S.I. 1989/840, arts. 2-10](#)

C2 S. 19 applied (with modifications) (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3073, reg. 28, Sch. 6 para. 1\(b\)](#)

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- S. 19 extended (E.W.S.) (1.10.1996) by S.I. 1996/1513, **reg. 10**
- S. 19 excluded (with saving) (E.W.S.) (1.12.1997) by S.I. 1997/1840, **regs. 7, 9**
- S. 19 applied (with modifications) (9.1.1995) by S.I. 1994/3260, **reg. 17(3)(5)**
- S. 19: power to apply conferred (E.W.S.) (28.8.1995) by 1995 c. 15, **ss. 2(4)(b), 5** (with s. 3(5))
- S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (16.4.1996) by S.I. 1996/772, **reg. 17**
- S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.3.1996) by S.I. 1996/192, **reg. 15, Sch. 14 para. 1(b)**;
- S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.7.1997) by S.I. 1997/831, **reg. 19(1)-(4), Sch. 15 para. 1(a)(b)**
- C3** S. 19 modified (6.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/711, **regs. 1(2), 28(3)(b)(5)(a)**
- S. 19 restricted (E.W.S.) (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(1), **Sch. 22 para. 30(3)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, **art. 3**
- S. 19 applied (15.11.2000) by S.I. 2000/2831, **reg. 26(1)(a)**
- C4** S. 19 extended (with modifications) (1.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/743, **reg. 20(1)(2)(3)**
- S. 19 applied (E.W.S.) (20.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/2975, **reg. 19(a)**
- S. 19 applied (E.W.S.) (24.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1689, **reg. 14(1)(a)** S. 19 applied (31.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/528, **reg. 10**
- S. 19 applied (16.5.2002) by S.I. 2002/1166, **reg. 31** (with art. 37)
- C5** S. 19 applied (12.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/743, **reg. 22(7)**
- C6** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (19.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2892, **reg. 16(1)**
- C7** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (29.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2001, **reg. 24(1), Sch. 8 para. 1(b)**
- C8** S. 19 applied (11.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/2127, **arts. 4(1), 5(1)(2), 6(1), 7(1), 8(1), 10** (with art. 11) (as amended by S.I. 2009/1750, **art. 2(2)(4)**)
- C9** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (22.3.2003 for certain purposes and 22.9.2003 otherwise) by S.I. 2003/403, **regs. 1(2), 23(2)(a)(3)**; ss. 19-22 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (3.5.2004) by S.I. 2004/129, **reg. 23(3)(a)**; s. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (9.6.2004) by S.I. 2004/1309, **reg. 17**; s. 19 applied (E.W.S.) (22.4.2005) by S.I. 2005/928, **reg. 4(2)(3)(5)(6)**; ss. 19-22 applied (2.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/397, **reg. 34**
- C10** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the amending S.I.) by The Channel Tunnel (Safety) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/3531), **art. 4(2)(3)(a)** (subject to (4)-(6)) (with art. 7)
- C11** Ss. 1-59, 80-82 applied (temp.) (5.8.2009) by The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2127), **arts. 8A, 8B** (as inserted by S.I. 2009/1750, **art. 2(3)**)
- C12** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (6.4.2010) by The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/432), **reg. 6(2)(3)(a)**
- C13** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (6.4.2010) by The Train Driving Licences and Certificates Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/724), **regs. 1(2), 38(2)(3)(a)**
- C14** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (4.7.2010 for certain purposes and otherwise 4.7.2013) by The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1554), **regs. 1, 18, 37(1)**, {Sch. 4 paras. 1, 2}
- C15** Ss. 1-59 applied by S.I. 2001/2127 art. 8A 8B (as inserted (E.W.S.) (6.4.2011) by The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application outside Great Britain) (Variation) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/745), **arts. 1(1), 3(2)**)
- C16** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (16.1.2012) by The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/3066), **regs. 1(2), 39(2)(3)(a)** (with reg. 3)
- C17** Ss. 18-26 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.9.2013) by The Biocidal Products and Chemicals (Appointment of Authorities and Enforcement) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1506), **regs. 2(1), 8(1)** (with reg. 3(4), (5), 8(2)-(7), 31)
- C18** Ss. 19, 20 applied (1.3.2014) by The Biocidal Products and Chemicals (Appointment of Authorities and Enforcement) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1506), **regs. 2(4), 19** (with reg. 3(4)(5)(31))
- C19** Ss. 16-26 applied (E.W.S.) (1.10.2014) by The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1663), **regs. 1, 30(2)(a)** (with reg. 3(1)(2))

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- C20** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.10.2014) by The Explosives Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1638), reg. 1(1), Sch. 12 paras. 2, 3
- C21** Ss. 16-21 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.6.2015) by The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/483), regs. 1(1), **27(1)(a)** (with reg. 3(2))
- C22** Ss. 18-28 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (1.6.2015) by The Biocidal Products and Chemicals (Appointment of Authorities and Enforcement) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1506), regs. 2(2), **17(1)** (with reg. 3(4)(5)31)
- C23** Ss. 18-21 applied (E.W.S.) (19.7.2015) by The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/398), regs. 1, **36(8)(a)** (with reg. 4(2), Sch. 14)
- C24** Ss. 16-22 applied (E.W.S.) (19.7.2015) by The Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/398), regs. 1, **36(1)(a)** (with reg. 4(2), Sch. 14)
- C25** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (17.8.2015) by The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1553), reg. 1, Sch. 8 paras. 1(b), 2
- C26** Ss. 19-28 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2014/1638, Sch. 12 paras. 5-7 (as substituted (E.W.S.) (20.4.2016) by The Explosives Regulations 2014 (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/315), reg. 1, **Sch. 1** (with regs. 2(1), 15))
- C27** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1101), reg. 1, Sch. 4 paras. 1, 2 (with reg. 3)
- C28** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1092), reg. 1, Sch. 6 paras. 1(a), 2 (with reg. 3)
- C29** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Lifts Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1093), reg. 1, Sch. 8 paras. 1(b), 2 (with regs. 3-5)
- C30** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (8.12.2016) by The Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1105), reg. 1, Sch. 8 paras. 1(a), 2 (with reg. 88)
- C31** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (8.12.2016) by The Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1107), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 4 para. 1(a)**
- C32** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (21.4.2018) by The Personal Protective Equipment (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/390), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2** (with reg. 2(1)-(3))
- C33** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (21.4.2018) by The Gas Appliances (Enforcement) and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/389), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2** (with reg. 2)
- C34** Ss. 19-22 applied (with modifications) (30.7.2018) by The Cableway Installations Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/816), regs. 1, **21(1)-(3)** (with reg. 4)
- C35** S. 19(2)(3) excluded (E.W.S.) (15.2.1999) by 1998 c. 17, s. **8(2)(c)**, (with s. 9(1)(2), Sch. 3 para. 5); S.I. 1999/161, **art. 2(1)(2)**

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