



# 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

##### *Miscellaneous and supplementary*

#### **49 Adaptation of enactments to metric units or appropriate metric units.**

- (1) [<sup>F1</sup>Regulations made under this subsection may amend]—
- any of the relevant statutory provisions; or
  - any provision of an enactment which relates to any matter relevant to any of the general purposes of this Part but is not among the relevant statutory provisions; or
  - any provision of an instrument made or having effect under any such enactment as is mentioned in the preceding paragraph,
- by substituting an amount or quantity expressed in metric units for an amount or quantity not so expressed or by substituting an amount or quantity expressed in metric units of a description specified in the regulations for an amount or quantity expressed in metric units of a different description.
- (2) The amendments shall be such as to preserve the effect of the provisions mentioned except to such extent as in the opinion of the [<sup>F1</sup>authority making the regulations] is necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.
- (3) Regulations made <sup>F2</sup>. . . under this subsection may, in the case of a provision which falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) above and contains words which refer to units other than metric units, repeal those words [<sup>F1</sup>if the authority making the regulations] is of the opinion that those words could be omitted without altering the effect of that provision.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(4) The power to make regulations under this section shall be exercisable by the Secretary of State <sup>F4</sup>. . .].

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the*  
*Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, Section 49. (See end of Document for details)*

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### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words substituted by [Employment Protection Act 1975 \(c. 71\)](#), **Sch. 15 para. 15(1)**
- F2** Words repealed by [Employment Protection Act 1975 \(c. 71\)](#), **Sch. 18**
- F3** S. 49(4) substituted by [Employment Protection Act 1975 \(c. 71\)](#), **Sch. 15 para. 15(2)**
- F4** Words in s. 49(4) repealed (27.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/794, art. 5(2), **Sch.** (with art. 6)

### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 1 modified (1.1.2018) by [The Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1075\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(3)** (with regs. 2(5), 3, Sch. 8)
- C2** Ss. 1–25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 34–59, 80, 81 and 82 applied by S.I. 1989/840, **arts. 2–10**
- C3** Ss. 1-59, 80-82 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)**)
- C4** 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)**)
- C5** 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)**)

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