



Factories Act 1961

CHAPTER 34

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- 2 For the purposes of the provisions to which paragraph 1...
- 3 The provisions to which paragraph 1 of this Schedule applies...
- 4 Subsections (1) and (10) of section forty-eight of this Act...
- 5 The occupier of any such factory as is mentioned in...
- 6 In relation to a building comprising such a factory as...
- 7 (1) If on a complaint made by the owner of...
- 8 In relation to any such factory as is mentioned in...

THIRD SCHEDULE — Powers to Prescribe Standards

FOURTH SCHEDULE — Procedure for Making Special Regulations

- 1 Before the Minister makes any special regulations he shall publish...
- 2 Every objection must be in writing and state—
- 3 The Minister shall consider any objection made by or on...
- 4 If after the publication of the notice with respect to...
- 5 Where any such inquiry is to be held as to...
- 6 In this Schedule the expression " general objection" means, as...

FIFTH SCHEDULE — Provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, applicable in London and Scotland only and administered by District Councils

SIXTH SCHEDULE — Transitional Provisions

- 1 Any reference in any enactment or document, whether express or...
- 2 Any order, regulation, rule, byelaw or appointment made, direction,
certificate...
- 3 (1) Until such day as the Minister may by order...
- 4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, a factory...
- 5 In the case of any factory constructed or converted for...
- 6 Where, before the coming into operation of the First Schedule...
- 7 Any order made under Regulation 59 of the Defence (General)...

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8 The mention of particular matters in this Schedule shall be...

SEVENTH — Enactments Repealed
SCHEDULE