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**AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT**

**SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**The Agriculture (Lifting of Heavy Weights)  
Regulations, 1959**

Made - - - - 14th December, 1959

Laid before Parliament 17th December, 1959

Coming into Operation 1st July, 1965

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by subsection (2) of section 2 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to represent the interests concerned, hereby make the following regulations:—

*Citation, extent and commencement*

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Agriculture (Lifting of Heavy Weights) Regulations, 1959, shall apply to Great Britain and shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1965.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956;

“agriculture”, “worker” and “employed” have the meanings respectively assigned to them, as respects England and Wales, by subsection (1) of section 24 of the Act, and, as respects Scotland, by that subsection as applied by subsection (10) of section 25 of the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Maximum Weight of Sacks and Contents*

3. Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Act (which provides that a young person shall not be employed as a worker in agriculture to lift, carry or move a load so heavy as to be likely to cause injury to him) the maximum weight of any load consisting of a sack or bag, together with its contents, which may be lifted or carried by a worker employed in agriculture, unaided, shall be 180 lb.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.)

*John Hare,*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this fourteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.)

*John S. Maclay,*

Secretary of State for Scotland.

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(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 49.

(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations made under subsection (2) of section 2 of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956, prescribe the maximum weight of a sack or bag and its contents which may be lifted or carried by a worker employed in agriculture, unaided. Subsection (3) of section 2 provides that in the event of a contravention of the provisions of regulations made under that section the employer of any worker in whose case the contravention occurs shall be guilty of an offence.

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