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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1982 No. 877

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

**The Pottery (Health etc.) (Metrication)  
Regulations 1982**

*Made - - - - - 25th June 1982*

*Laid before Parliament 9th July 1982*

*Coming into Operation 1st October 1982*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 49(1), (2) and (4) and 82(3)(a) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(a) (“the 1974 Act”) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and for the purpose of giving effect without modification to proposals submitted to him by the Health and Safety Commission under section 11(2)(d) of the 1974 Act after the carrying out by the said Commission of consultations in accordance with section 50(3) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Pottery (Health etc.) (Metrication) Regulations 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1982.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the principal Regulations” mean the Regulations which are amended by Regulation 2 of these Regulations, that is to say:—

The Pottery (Health) Special Regulations 1947(b);  
The Pottery (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations 1950(c).

*Amendments to the principal Regulations to substitute metric measurements for imperial and other measurements*

2. The provisions of the principal Regulations specified in the Schedule to these Regulations in column 1 shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

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(a) 1974 c.37; section 49 was amended by the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c.71), section 116 and Schedule 15, paragraph 15.

(b) S.I. 1947/2161.

(c) S.I. 1950/65, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

*Amendments to the Abstract of Special Regulations (Pottery—Health and Welfare) Order 1973*

3. In Schedules 1 and 2 of the Abstract of Special Regulations (Pottery—Health and Welfare) Order 1973(a), which reproduce parts of the Pottery (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations 1950, there shall be substituted for the measurements set out in the relevant entries in the Schedule to these Regulations in column 3 the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 4.

*Application to existing premises and plant or premises and plant under construction*

4. Where any premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal Regulations as then in force, those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.  
25th June 1982.

*David Waddington,*  
Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Employment.

<b>THE SCHEDULE</b> <b>AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS</b>			
<b>1</b> Regulation to be amended	<b>2</b> Subject matter of measurement	<b>3</b> Present measurement	<b>4</b> Measurement to be substituted
The Pottery (Health) Special Regulations 1947	Definition of "low solubility glaze": temperature at which a weighed quantity of the material has been dried	100 degrees Centigrade	100 degrees Celsius
Regulation 2	Definition of "low solubility glaze": temperature at which a weighed quantity of the material has been dried	100 degrees Centigrade	100 degrees Celsius
The Pottery (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations 1950	Definition of "low solubility glaze": temperature at which a weighed quantity of the material has been dried	100 degrees Centigrade	100 degrees Celsius
Regulation 2(2)	(a) Maximum distance a woman or young person may carry clay, clay dust or clay scraps	50 yards	45 metres
Regulation 6(2)(a)(i)	(b) Maximum weight a woman or young person may carry	40 lbs	18 kilograms

*Regulations 2 and 3*

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
Regulation 6(2)(a)(ii)	(a) Maximum distance a woman or young person may carry damp clay	50 yards	45 metres
	(b) Maximum weight a woman or young person may carry	40 lbs	18 kilograms
Regulation 6(6)(a)	Maximum weight a woman may lift or carry by herself	30 lbs	13 kilograms
Regulation 6(6)(b)	Maximum weight a woman may lift or carry in conjunction with any other person	50 lbs	22 kilograms
Regulation 6(6)(c)	Maximum height above floor level saggars may be lifted by a woman	Four feet six inches	1.35 metres
Regulation 6(6) (Proviso)	Proviso which relates to carrying short distances—		
	(a) Maximum weight a woman may lift or carry by herself	50 lbs	22 kilograms
	(b) Maximum weight a woman may lift or carry in conjunction with any other person	80 lbs	36 kilograms

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
Regulation 6(6) (Proviso)	(c) For the purposes of the proviso, the maximum distance a woman may carry a saggar	Six feet	1.8 metres
Regulation 6(7)	Maximum weight a young person may lift or carry	20 lbs	9 kilograms
Regulation 12(2)(c)	Maximum intervals above trough at which warm water to be supplied	Two feet	600 millimetres
Regulation 12(3)(a)	(a) Definition of "unit" in terms of length of trough	Two feet	600 millimetres
Regulation 12(3)(d)	(b) Definition of "unit" in terms of section of circumference of trough	Two feet	600 millimetres
Regulation 12(3)(d)	Minimum internal measurement of basin or other receptacle	Four feet	1.2 metres
Regulation 16(1)	(a) Maximum temperature of workroom	75 degrees Fahrenheit	24 degrees Celsius

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
Regulation 16(1)	(b) Minimum outside temperature above which proviso applies (c) Maximum temperature of workroom (d) Maximum interval by which workroom temperature may exceed outside temperature	65 degrees Fahrenheit 75 degrees Fahrenheit 10 degrees	18 degrees Celsius 24 degrees Celsius 6 degrees
Regulation 16(2)	Minimum workroom temperature	55 degrees Fahrenheit	13 degrees Celsius
Regulation 16(4)	Maximum temperature in oven	115 degrees Fahrenheit	46 degrees Celsius
Regulation 17(1)(xix)	Exception to use of efficient exhaust draught in lawning of dry colours: maximum amount lawned at a time	One ounce	25 grams
Regulation 22(b)(i)	Minimum floor area to each tile press	Seventy square feet	6.5 square metres
Regulation 22(b)(ii)	Minimum distance between the centres of the dies of any two presses	Five feet six inches	1.7 metres

1 Regulation to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
Regulation 22(b)(iii)	Minimum width of certain gangways	Six feet	1.8 metres
Regulation 22(c)(i)	Minimum floor area to each tile press	One hundred and twenty square feet	11 square metres
Regulation 22(c)(ii)	Minimum distance between the centres of the dies of any two presses	Nine feet	2.8 metres
Regulation 22(c)(iii)	Minimum width of certain gangways	Seven feet six inches	2.3 metres
Regulation 22(c) (Proviso)	(a) Minimum distance between the centres of the dies of presses (b) Minimum width of certain gangways	Six feet six inches	2 metres
Regulation 24(3)(a)	Minimum distance of painting from end of board	Six feet	1.8 metres
Regulation 29(1)(a)	Height above which cleaning shall be done once every 14 months	Six inches	150 millimetres
Regulation 29(1)(b)	Height up to which cleaning shall be done as required	Seven feet six inches	2.3 metres
		Seven feet six inches	2.3 metres

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend—

The Pottery (Health) Special Regulations 1947; and  
The Pottery (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations 1950;

by substituting amounts or quantities expressed in metric units for amounts or quantities not so expressed or expressed in metric units of a different description and, by Regulation 3, the Abstract of Special Regulations (Pottery—Health and Welfare) Order 1973 is similarly amended.

Regulation 4 provides that the amendments do not relate to premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if those premises or that plant complied with the then existing Regulations.

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