
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Gas Catalytic Heaters (Safety) Regulations 1984

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Coming into Operation 21st November 1984

Whereas the Secretary of State has, in accordance with section 1(4) of the Consumer Safety Act 1978, consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, such other persons as he considers appropriate and the Health and Safety Commission:

And whereas a draft of these Regulations has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 7(7) of the said Act:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 1 of the said Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gas Catalytic Heaters (Safety) Regulations 1984 and shall come into operation on 21st November 1984.

2. In these Regulations—

“catalytic unit” means a unit—

- (a) which contains a catalytic pad;
- (b) into which petroleum gas is injected; and
- (c) through which such gas is distributed and oxidised;

“gas catalytic heater” means an appliance suitable for use in any dwelling and designed for the heating of space by means of the catalytic oxidation of petroleum gas, being an appliance—

- (a) in which the source of the petroleum gas is in liquid form; and
- (b) which incorporates a catalytic unit;

“petroleum gas” means a hydrocarbon mixture consisting predominantly of butane, butylene, propane or propylene or of any mixture thereof; and

“unbonded asbestos” means asbestos which has not been treated by any adhesive or physical process which has resulted in the asbestos fibres cohering together.

3. No person shall supply, offer to supply, agree to supply, expose for supply or possess for supply—

- (a) any gas catalytic heater if the catalytic heater contains any unbonded asbestos; or

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- (b) any catalytic unit suitable for use in a gas catalytic heater if that unit contains any unbonded asbestos.

20th November 1984

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations prohibit persons from supplying, offering to supply, agreeing to supply, exposing for supply or possessing for supply (a) liquid petroleum gas heaters which incorporate a catalytic unit containing unbonded asbestos and (b) catalytic units containing unbonded asbestos for use in such heaters.

These provisions were formerly contained in the Gas Catalytic Heaters (Safety) Order 1983 (S.I. 1983/1696) which provided that it would cease to have effect twelve months after it came into operation. The Order came into operation on 21st November 1983.