
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 890

**The Marking of Plastic Explosives
for Detection Regulations 1996**

Prohibition on possession

4.—(1) No person shall have in his possession, nor transfer possession of, any unmarked explosive.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply to an explosive that is in the process of being manufactured.

(3) Paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply for a period of 3 years, commencing with the date of coming into force of these Regulations, to any unmarked explosive manufactured before these Regulations come into force.

(4) Paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply to any unmarked explosive in the possession of military or police personnel, where the explosive is incorporated as an integral part of an authorised military device, before the date which is 3 years after the date of coming into force of these Regulations.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply for a period of 15 years, commencing with the date of coming into force of these Regulations, to any unmarked explosive which—

- (a) was manufactured before these Regulations come into force;
- (b) does not fall within paragraph (4); and
- (c) is in the possession of the authorities of a State Party to the Convention for military or police purposes.