
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations, which come into force on 7th July 1997, amend the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/3247) (“the principal Regulations”).

2. Regulation 3 and the Schedule to these Regulations amend the principal Regulations in that—

- (a) in paragraphs 1(a) and 3 of the Schedule, they introduce a new edition of the approved classification and labelling guide and supplement to the third edition of the approved supply list (thereby implementing part of the Council Directive 96/54/EC (OJNo. L248, 30.9.96, p.1), the 22nd ATP to the Council Directive 67/548/EEC (OJ No. L196, 16.8.67, p.1) (“the Dangerous Substances Directive”));
- (b) in paragraphs 2 and 7 of the Schedule, they apply regulations 8 to 12 of the principal Regulations to liquefied petroleum gas, butane and propane and provide a defence in certain circumstances for an offence arising out of the supply of such substances under regulation 9 or 10 of the principal Regulations (thereby implementing part of the Dangerous Substances Directive);
- (c) in paragraphs 1(d) and 5(b) of the Schedule, they change certain references in the principal Regulations from “EEC” to “EC” (thereby implementing the Council Directive 96/56/EC (OJ No. L236, 18.9.96, p.35), the 8th Amendment to the Dangerous Substances Directive);
- (d) in sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph 5 of the Schedule, they introduce an exemption in certain circumstances for substances and preparations marketed for research and development or analysis purposes (thereby implementing part of the Council Directive 76/769/EEC (OJ No. L262, 27.9.76, p.201) (“the Marketing and Use Directive”));
- (e) in paragraph 5(c) of the Schedule, they introduce a new labelling phrase “For use in industrial installations only” for use in certain circumstances (thereby implementing the Commission Directive 96/55/EC (OJ No. L231, 12.9.96, p.20), the 2nd ATP to the Marketing and Use Directive);
- (f) in paragraphs 6 and 8 of the Schedule, they introduce a new Risk Phrase for the aspiration hazard (thereby implementing part of the Council Directive 96/65/EC (OJ No. L265, 18.10.96, p.15), the 4th ATP to the Council Directive 88/379/EEC (OJ No. L187, 16.7.88, p.14) (“the Dangerous Preparations Directive”) and part of the Commission Directive 96/54/EC (OJ No. L248, 30.9.96, p.1)).

3. Copies of the approved supply list (ISBN 0–7176–1116–7 and 0–7176–1378–X) and the approved classification and labelling guide (ISBN 0–7176–1366–6) are available from HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 6FS; Dillons; Rymans the Stationer; and good booksellers.

4. A copy of the cost benefit assessment prepared in respect of these Regulations can be obtained from the Health and Safety Executive, Economic Advisers Unit, Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HS. Copies have been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.