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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1713**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Confined Spaces Regulations 1997**

*Made* - - - - - *17th July 1997*  
*Laid before Parliament* *28th July 1997*  
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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 15(1), (2), (3)(a), (5)(a) and (b), (6)(a) and (b), (8) and (9) and 82(3)(a) of, and paragraphs 1(1) and (2), 9, 11 and 18(a) of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974<sup>(1)</sup> (“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 consultation in accordance with section 50(3) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

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(1) 1974 c. 37; sections 15(1) and 50 were amended by Schedule 15 of the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c. 71), paragraphs 6 and 16(3) respectively.