



# Factories Act 1961

## CHAPTER 34

### FACTORIES ACT 1961

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- 5 In the case of any factory constructed or converted for...
- 6 Where, before the coming into operation of the First Schedule...
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- 8 The mention of particular matters in this Schedule shall be...

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