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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 483**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015**

*Made* - - - - *2nd March 2015*  
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*Coming into force* - - *1st June 2015*

The Secretary of State is a Minister designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> (“the 1972 Act”) in relation to measures relating to the prevention and limitation of the effects of accidents involving dangerous substances<sup>(2)</sup>.

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 15(1), (2), (3)(a), (3)(c), (4)(a), (5)(a), (6)(d) and, (8), 43(2), (3), (4), (6), (80)(1) and 82(3)(a) of, and paragraphs 1(1), (2), 15, 16 and 20 of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974<sup>(3)</sup> (“the 1974 Act”) and, section 2(2) of the 1972 Act.

Apart from the modifications referred to in the next paragraph, the Secretary of State makes these Regulations for the purpose of giving effect to proposals submitted—

- (a) by the Health and Safety Executive under section 11(3) of the 1974 Act<sup>(4)</sup> after consulting in accordance with section 50(3)<sup>(5)</sup> of that Act; and
- (b) by the Office for Nuclear Regulation under section 81(1)(a)(iv) of the Energy Act 2013<sup>(6)</sup> after consulting in accordance with section 81(3) of that Act.

It appears to the Secretary of State that—

- (a) the amendments to secondary legislation referred to in Schedule 6; and
- (b) the revocations in relation to the instruments referred to in regulation 31,

are expedient as set out in section 80(1) of the 1974 Act.

These Regulations make provision for a purpose mentioned in section 2(2) of the 1972 Act and it appears to the Secretary of State that it is expedient for the references in these Regulations to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16th December

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(1) 1972 c.68; section 2(2) was amended by section 27 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) and Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7). The power of Ministers of the Crown to make regulations in relation to matters as regards Scotland is preserved by section 57(1) of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(2) S.I. 1998/1750.

(3) 1974 c.37; section 15(1) was substituted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 15 to the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c.71) (“the 1975 Act”) and amended by S.I. 2002/794. Section 15(2) and (3)(c) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 12 to the Energy Act 2013 (c.32) (“the 2013 Act”). Section 15(4)(a) was amended by S.I. 2008/960. Section 43 was amended by paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 and Schedule 18 to the 1975 Act and by S.I. 2002/794 and 2008/960.

(4) Section 11 was substituted by S.I. 2008/960.

(5) Section 50(3) was amended by paragraph 16 of Schedule 15 to the 1975 Act, paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7), paragraph 11(4) of Schedule 12 to the 2013 Act, and by S.I. 2008/960.

(6) 2013 c. 32.

2008(7) on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures amending and repealing Directives [67/548/EEC](#) and [1999/45/EC](#) and amending Regulation (EC) No. [1907/2006](#), to be construed as including references to Annex I, Part 1.0, 1.1, Parts 2 to 4 and, Annex VI, Part 3 Table 3.1 of that instrument as those provisions are amended from time to time.