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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3039**

**CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1996**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd December 1996</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>5th December 1996</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st January 1997</i>

The Secretary of State, being designated<sup>(1)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in relation to measures relating to safety as regards personal protective equipment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2(2) of the said Act hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 1st January 1997.

2.—(1) The Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) Regulations 1992<sup>(3)</sup> (“the principal Regulations”), paragraph 31 of Schedule 1 to the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1992<sup>(4)</sup>, paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993<sup>(5)</sup> Schedule 1 to the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992<sup>(6)</sup> and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993<sup>(7)</sup>, shall have effect as if references therein to Council Directive [89/686/EEC](#) of 21st December 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment<sup>(8)</sup> (in the principal Regulations and in these Regulations referred to as “the Directive”) were references to the Directive as amended by Council Directive [93/95/EEC](#) of 29th October 1993<sup>(9)</sup>, Article 7 of Council Directive [93/68/EEC](#) of 22nd July 1993<sup>(10)</sup> and Directive

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(1) S.I. 1990/1304.

(2) 1972 c. 68.

(3) S.I. 1992/3139, amended by S.I. 1993/3074, S.I. 1994/2326 and extended by section 2(1) of the European Economic Area Act 1993 (c. 51).

(4) S.I. 1992/2932, amended by S.I. 1994/2326; there are also amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(5) S.R. 1993 No. 19; Schedule 1 was substituted by S.R. 1995 No. 26 and amended by S.R. 1996 No. 109 and S.R. 1996 No. 247.

(6) S.I. 1992/2966, amended by S.I. 1993/3074, S.I. 1994/2326 and S.I. 1994/3017; there is also an amendment which is not relevant to these Regulations.

(7) S.R. 1993 No. 20; Schedule 1 was amended by S.I. 1994/2326 and substituted by S.R. 1996 No. 109.

(8) O.J. No. L399, 30.12.89, p. 18.

(9) O.J. No. L276, 9.11.93, p. 11.

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[96/58/EC](#) of the European Parliament and the Council of 3rd September 1996**(11)**; and references to “the Directive” in regulation 4 of the Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1994**(12)** shall be construed accordingly.

(2) The copy of the Directive printed in the Schedule to the principal Regulations shall be read as if it were amended as provided in the Schedule to the Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1993**(13)**, the Schedule to the Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 and the Schedule to these Regulations.

Department of Trade and Industry  
3rd December 1996

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**(10)** O.J. No. L220, 30.8.93, p. 1.  
**(11)** O.J. No. L236, 18.9.96, p. 44.  
**(12)** S.I. 1994/2326.  
**(13)** S.I. 1993/3074.

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(2)

### AMENDMENTS TO THE DIRECTIVE

In Annex IV to Directive [89/686/EEC](#) the following words shall be omitted:

*“Additional information*

- The last two digits of the year in which the CE marking was affixed; this information is not required in the case of the PPE referred to in Article 8(3).”**(14)**.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations give effect to Directive [96/58/EC](#) of the European Parliament and the Council of 3rd September 1996 (O.J. No. L236, 18.9.96, p. 44) which made further amendments to Directive [89/686/EEC](#) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment (O.J. No. L399, 30.12.89, p. 18) (known as the “PPE Directive”).

The PPE Directive was implemented by the Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) Regulations 1992 and applied by the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1992, the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 and the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993. Provision is made in these Regulations, with effect from 1st January 1997, for references in those Regulations to the PPE Directive to have effect as if they were references to the PPE Directive, as amended by the Directives specified in regulation 2(1) of these Regulations, including Directive [96/58/EC](#), and for certain “Additional information” to be omitted from the CE conformity marking to be affixed to all personal protective equipment which complies with the PPE Directive (as amended).

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**(14)** The words which are now to be omitted were included in the amendments to the Directive set out in the Schedule to S.I. [1994/2326](#).