

1979 No. 378

**HEALTH AND SAFETY****Boiler Explosions Legislation (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1979***Made* 23rd October 1979*Coming into operation* 1st December 1979

The Department of Commerce, after consultation with the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland and such other bodies as appeared to it to be appropriate, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 17(1) and (3)(a) and 54 of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Boiler Explosions Legislation (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1979.

*Repeals and modifications*

2.—(1) The Boiler Explosions Act 1882(b) shall, in its application to Northern Ireland, have effect as if:—

- (a) in section 5(3), for the words from “on summary conviction” to the end of the subsection there were substituted the words “be guilty of an offence”;
- (b) except in relation to inquiries and investigations commenced before 1st December 1979 sections 6 and 7 were omitted; and
- (c) section 8 were omitted.

(2) The Boiler Explosions Act 1890(c) is hereby repealed in so far as it relates to Northern Ireland.

*Supplemental*

3.—(1) These regulations shall not affect the validity of anything done under the provisions of the Boiler Explosions Acts 1882 and 1890 before the coming into operation of these Regulations.

(2) The penalty prescribed by section 5(3) of the Boiler Explosions Act 1882 shall, notwithstanding these Regulations, continue to apply to offences under that provision committed before 1st December 1979.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 23rd October 1979.

(L.S.)

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Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)—brought into operation by S.R. 1978 No. 384 (C. 21)  
 (b) 1882 c. 22  
 (c) 1890 c. 35

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations repeal and modify provisions of the Boiler Explosions Acts 1882 and 1890.

They are made in consequence of the coming into operation of provisions of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 which supersede or affect the said provisions.

The Regulations repeal the power to direct inquiries into such explosions, which is superseded by the power of the Department concerned to direct investigations and inquiries under Article 16 of the said Order of 1978. The Regulations also repeal provisions applying to boiler explosions in ships, which are provided for by the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1979.