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EXPLOSIVES

Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made 3rd February 1981
 Coming into operation 17th March 1981
 To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 3 of the Explosives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and article 3 of the Explosives (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 17th March 1981.

Amendment of regulations on control of sodium nitrite

2. For regulation 3 of the Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

“3. These regulations shall not have effect in relation to any manufactured goods containing not more than 16 per cent by weight of sodium nitrite.”

Northern Ireland Office
3rd February 1981

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty’s Principal
Secretaries of State

(a) 1970 c. 10 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163
 (b) S.I. 1972/730 (N.I. 3)
 (c) S.R. 1976 No. 51

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Explosive Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 make it an offence for anyone to manufacture, sell, acquire, transfer, store, transport, handle, use or dispose of sodium nitrite or any mixture or solution containing the substance except under licence from the Secretary of State. Those Regulations contained an exemption for manufactured goods containing not more than 5 per cent by weight of sodium nitrite. The present Regulations widen that exemption, so that the 1976 Regulations are not to apply to manufactured goods containing not more than 16 per cent by weight of sodium nitrite.