

1982 No. 100

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Kiers (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made 31st March 1982

Coming into operation 31st May 1982

The Department of Manpower Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 45(1) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland and such other bodies as appear to it to be appropriate hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Kiers (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1982.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” mean the Kiers Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1947(b).

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2. The provisions of the principal Regulations specified in column 1 of the Schedule shall be amended by substitution for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

Application to existing premises and plant or premises and plant under construction

3. Where any premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal Regulations as then in force, then those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland on 31st March 1982.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1947 No. 9 (p. 128)

SCHEDULE

Amendments to Principal Regulations

(1) <i>Regulation to be amended</i>	(2) <i>Subject matter of measurement</i>	(3) <i>Present measurement</i>	(4) <i>Measurement to be substituted</i>
Regulation 3	Definition of "hot liquor" or "hot water".	105°F	40°C
Regulation 17(1)	Minimum height of the edge of an atmospheric or open kier above the working platform.	2 feet 9 inches	840 millimetres
Regulation 17(2)	Height of fence required when edge of an atmospheric or open kier is less than minimum height above working platform.	2 feet 9 inches	840 millimetres
Regulation 18	Minimum height of the edge of any hot liquor or hot water tank above platform.	3 feet	920 millimetres
Regulation 18(i)	Minimum height of fence around edge of hot liquor or hot water tank.	3 feet	920 millimetres
Regulation 19	Height of fence on each side of a plank, ladder, stair or gangway which is placed over an uncovered kier, etc., containing hot liquor or hot water.	2 feet 9 inches	840 millimetres
Regulation 20(1)	Minimum space between adjacent atmospheric or open kiers.	18 inches	460 millimetres
	Minimum space for passage around each kier.	12 inches	310 millimetres
Regulation 20(2)	Space between adjacent kiers.	9 inches	230 millimetres
	Minimum width of gangway over the space between adjacent kiers.	18 inches	460 millimetres
	Minimum height of fence on each side of gangway.	2 feet 9 inches	840 millimetres

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Kiers Special Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947 by substituting measurements expressed in metric units for measurements not so expressed. The substituted measurements preserve the effect of the original provisions except to the extent necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments do not relate to premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if those premises or that plant complied with the then existing Regulations.