

1983 No. 288

HEALTH AND SAFETY**Office and Shop Premises (Metrication) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1983***Made* 21st September 1983*Coming into operation* 21st December 1983

The Department of Economic Development being the Department concerned (a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 45(1) and (2) and 55(2) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(b), 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 Office and Shop Premises (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 21st December 1983.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Act and instruments” means the Office and Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(c) and the instruments amended by these Regulations, that is to say—

- the Office and Shop Premises (Washing Facilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(d);
- the Office and Shop Premises (Sanitary Conveniences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(e);
- the Office and Shop Premises (Information for Employees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(f);
- the Office and Shop Premises (Exemption) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967(g).

Substitution of metric measurements for imperial

2.—(1) In section 5(2) of the Office and Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (which relates to overcrowding) there shall be substituted—

- (a) for the words “square feet”, the words “square metres”;
- (b) for the word “forty”, the figure “3.7”;
- (c) for the words “cubic feet”, the words “cubic metres”;
- (d) for the words “four hundred”, the figure “11”.

(2) The provisions of the principal Act and instruments specified in column 1 of the Schedule shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

- (a) See Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
- (b) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
- (c) 1966 c. 26 (N.I.)
- (d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 188
- (e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 195
- (f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 334
- (g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 186

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 Act and instruments as then in force, then those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal Act and instruments as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland on 21st September 1983.

(L.S.)

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SCHEDULE

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1 <i>Provisions to be amended</i>	2 <i>Subject matter of measurement</i>	3 <i>Present measurement</i>	4 <i>Measurement to be substituted</i>
Office and Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 Section 6(2)	Interpretation of 'reasonable temperature' Minimum temperature	16 degrees Centigrade (which is equivalent to 60.8° Fahrenheit)	16 degrees Celsius
Office and Shop Premises (Washing Facilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 Regulation 1(2)	Interpretation of 'trough' Minimum length or width Maximum interval between water supply points. Interpretation of 'unit of trough or washing fountain accommodation' Length of trough Circumference of trough or fountain Interpretation of 'washing fountain' Minimum width	four feet two feet two feet two feet three feet	1.20 metres 600 millimetres 600 millimetres 600 millimetres 920 millimetres
Office and Shop Premises (Sanitary Conveniences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 Paragraph 3 of the Schedule	Interpretation of 'unit of urinal accommodation' Space of urinal	two feet	600 millimetres

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1 <i>Provisions to be amended</i>	2 <i>Subject matter of measurement</i>	3 <i>Present measurement</i>	4 <i>Measurement to be substituted</i>
Office and Shop Premises (Information for Employees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 Schedule paragraph 10(2)	Minimum amount of floor space in respect of each person	40 square feet	3.7 square metres
Paragraph 11(1)	Ceiling height Where ceiling height is low, minimum volume of space in respect of each person	10 feet 400 cubic feet	3 metres 11 cubic metres
Footnote to paragraph 14(3)(ii)	Interpretation of 'reasonable temperature'	16° Centigrade (60.8° Fahrenheit)	16 degrees Celsius
Paragraph 15(3)	Minimum temperature		
Footnote to paragraph 14(3)(ii)	Space of urinal	two feet	600 millimetres
Paragraph 15(3)	Length of trough, or circumference of washing fountain or trough, to count as one washbasin for purposes of the scale	two feet two feet	600 millimetres 600 millimetres
Office and Shop Premises (Exemption) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967 Article 3(b)	Maximum floor area of build- ing to which exemption (from section 9—sanitary conveni- ences) applies	one hundred square feet	9 square metres

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Office and Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 and the following instruments—

the Office and Shop Premises (Washing Facilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967;

the Office and Shop Premises (Sanitary Conveniences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967;

the Office and Shop Premises (Information for Employees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967; and

the Office and Shop Premises (Exemption) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967, by substituting amounts or quantities expressed in metric units for amounts or quantities not so expressed or expressed in metric units of a different description. The substituted amounts 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 requirements.