

1986 No. 18

NURSING HOMES

Nursing Homes (Specially Controlled Technique) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1986

Made 22nd January 1986

Coming into operation 1st March 1986

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 6(1)(e) of the Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Nursing Homes (Specially Controlled Technique) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1986.

Specially controlled technique

2.—(1) Any technique of medicine or surgery (including cosmetic surgery) involving the use of a class 3B laser product or a class 4 laser product being a technique of medicine or surgery as to which the Department is satisfied that its use may create a hazard for persons treated by means of it or for the staff of any premises where the technique is used, is hereby specified as subject to control for the purposes of Part I of the Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies Act (Northern Ireland) 1971.

(2) In this order “class 3B laser product” and “class 4 laser product” have the meanings assigned to them in Part I of British Standard 4803: 83 (Radiation safety of laser products and systems) as effective on 31st March 1983.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on
22nd January 1986.

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R. W. McQuiston
Assistant Secretary

(a) 1971 c. 32 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1985/1775 (N.I. 19)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order specifies techniques of medicine or surgery involving the use of class 3B or class 4 laser products as subject to control for the purposes of the Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies Act (Northern Ireland) 1971, thereby bringing premises on which such laser products are used within the definition of "nursing home" in the 1971 Act.

Class 3B and class 4 laser products are defined by reference to British Standard 4803: 83 which is published by the British Standards Institution and can be obtained from the British Standards Institution, Linford Woods, Milton Keynes, MK14 6LE.