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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 152**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Dangerous Substances and Explosive  
Atmospheres Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

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*Coming into operation*

*All regulations except  
for regulations 5(4)(c),  
7, 11, 15(2), 16(2) and  
17(1) to (3) 25th April 2003*

*Regulations 15(2) and  
16(2) 30th May 2003*

*Regulations 5(4)(c), 7,  
11, and 17(1) to (3) 30th June 2003*

**DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND EXPLOSIVE  
ATMOSPHERES REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2003**

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SCHEDULE

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— GENERAL SAFETY MEASURES

1. The following measures are those specified for the purposes of...

— WORKPLACE AND WORK PROCESSES

2. Ensuring that the workplace is designed, constructed and maintained so...

3. Designing, constructing, assembling, installing, providing and using suitable work processes...

4. Maintaining work processes in an efficient state, in efficient working...

5. Ensuring that equipment and protective systems meet the following requirements...

— ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES

6. The application of appropriate systems of work including –  
SCHEDULE *(which substantially reproduces the provisions of Annex I of Council Directive 99/92/EC)*

1. Places where explosive atmospheres may occur

2. Classification of hazardous places

1. **Notes:**

2. “Normal operation” means the situation when installations are used within...

SCHEDULE

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CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS

1. Equipment and protective systems for all places in which explosive...

2. In particular, the following categories of equipment must be used...

3. For the purposes of this Schedule and regulation 7(2) and...

SCHEDULE

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*(which substantially reproduces the provisions of Annex III of Council Directive 99/92/EC)*

SCHEDULE

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LEGISLATION CONCERNED WITH THE MARKING OF CONTAINERS AND PIPES

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1. The Fifth Schedule to the Uniformity of Laws Act (Northern...

2. (1) The Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1929 shall be...

3. (1) The Petroleum-spirit (Motor Vehicles, &c.) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930...

4. The Petroleum (Liquid Methane) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 shall be...

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5. (1) The Petroleum-Spirit (Plastic Containers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 shall...
6. In the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations (Northern Ireland)...
7. In the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, in...

PART II

8. (1) The Fire Certificates (Special Premises) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991...
9. For regulation 20 (unloading of petrol at petroleum filling stations...

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PART I — REPEAL AND REVOCATION

PART II — REPEAL AND REVOCATION

Explanatory Note