
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Construction (Design and Management)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007**

PART 4

DUTIES RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY ON CONSTRUCTION SITES

Cofferdams and caissons

- 31.**—(1) Every cofferdam or caisson shall be—
- (a) of suitable design and construction;
 - (b) appropriately equipped so that workers can gain shelter or escape if water or materials enter it; and
 - (c) properly maintained.
- (2) A cofferdam or caisson shall be used to carry out construction work only if—
- (a) the cofferdam or caisson, and any work equipment and materials which affect its safety, have been inspected by a competent person—
 - (i) at the start of the shift in which the work is to be carried out, and
 - (ii) after any event likely to have affected the strength or stability of the cofferdam or caisson; and
 - (b) the person who carried out the inspection is satisfied that the work can be safely carried out there.
- (3) Where the person who carried out the inspection has under regulation 32(1)(a) informed the person on whose behalf the inspection was carried out of any matter about which he is not satisfied, work shall not be carried out in the cofferdam or caisson until the matters have been satisfactorily remedied.