

Medical: First Aid.

ORDER, DATED 10TH DAY OF MAY, 1939, MADE BY THE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE FACTORIES
ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938.

1939. No. 55.

1.—The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry"), in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Section 46 of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby prescribes that the first-aid boxes or cupboards required by that section to be provided and maintained in factories shall comply with the following standards:—

A.—*For factories in which the number of persons employed does not exceed ten, or (in the case of factories in which mechanical power is not used) does not exceed fifty persons.*—Each first-aid box or cupboard shall contain at least—

- (i) A copy of the first-aid leaflet (Form N.I. 923) issued by the Ministry;
- (ii) A sufficient number (not less than six) of small sterilised dressings for injured fingers;
- (iii) A sufficient number (not less than three) of medium size sterilised dressings for injured hands or feet;
- (iv) A sufficient number (not less than three) of large sterilised dressings for other injured parts;
- (v) A sufficient number of sterilised burn dressings (small and large);
- (vi) A two per cent. alcoholic solution of iodine or a one per cent. aqueous solution of gentian violet;
- (vii) A bottle of sal volatile, having the dose and mode of administration indicated on the label.

B.—*For factories in which mechanical power is used and in which the number of persons employed exceeds ten but does not exceed fifty.*—Each first-aid box or cupboard shall contain at least—

- (i) A copy of the first-aid leaflet (Form N.I. 923) issued by the Ministry;
- (ii) A sufficient number (not less than a dozen) of small sterilised dressings for injured fingers;
- (iii) A sufficient number (not less than six) of medium size sterilised dressings for injured hands or feet;

- (iv) A sufficient number (not less than six) of large sterilised dressings for other injured parts;
- (v) A sufficient number of sterilised burn dressings (small and large);
- (vi) A sufficient supply of sterilised cotton wool, in $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. packets;
- (vii) A two per cent. alcoholic solution of iodine or a one per cent. aqueous solution of gentian violet;
- (viii) A bottle of sal volatile, having the dose and mode of administration indicated on the label;
- (ix) Eye drops, prepared as described in the first-aid leaflet (Form N.I. 923).

C.—*For factories employing more than fifty persons.*—Each first-aid box or cupboard shall contain at least—

- (i) A copy of the first-aid leaflet (Form N.I. 923) issued by the Ministry;
- (ii) A sufficient number (not less than two dozen) of small sterilised dressings for injured fingers;
- (iii) A sufficient number (not less than one dozen) of medium size sterilised dressings for injured hands or feet;
- (iv) A sufficient number (not less than one dozen) of large sterilised dressings for other injured parts;
- (v) A sufficient number of sterilised burn dressings (small and large);
- (vi) A sufficient supply of sterilised cotton wool, in $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. packets;
- (vii) A two per cent. alcoholic solution of iodine or a one per cent. aqueous solution of gentian violet;
- (viii) A bottle of sal volatile, having the dose and mode of administration indicated on the label;
- (ix) Eye drops prepared as described in the first-aid leaflet (Form N.I. 923);
- (x) A supply of suitable splints and cotton wool or other material for padding;
- (xi) A supply of adhesive plaster;
- (xii) A tourniquet;
- (xiii) One dozen roller bandages;

- (xiv) Half-a-dozen triangular bandages;
- (xv) Safety pins.

Provided that items (x) to (xv) inclusive need not be included in the standard first-aid box or cupboard (a) where there is a properly equipped ambulance room, or (b) if at least one box containing such items and placed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of the said Act is separately provided.

D.—In lieu of the dressings required under items (ii) and (iii), there may be substituted adhesive wound dressings approved by the chief inspector.

E.—In all cases, all materials for dressings contained in the first-aid boxes or cupboards shall be those designated in, and of a grade or quality not lower than the standards prescribed by, the British Pharmaceutical Codex, or any supplement thereto.

F.—Each first-aid box or cupboard shall be distinctively marked. If newly provided after the date of this Order it shall be marked plainly "FIRST AID."

2.—This Order shall not be deemed not to apply to a factory by reason that there is in force under the said Act as respects that factory any regulation or Order requiring the provision of one or more first-aid boxes or cupboards with certain contents, but this Order shall be without prejudice to the operation of any such regulation or Order in so far as it requires a first-aid box or cupboard containing appliances or requisites not required by this Order.

3.—This Order may be cited as the Factories (First Aid) Order (Northern Ireland), 1939, and shall come into force on the 1st July, 1939.

4.—The Order dated October 11, 1935(a), is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 10th day of May, 1939, in the presence of

(L.S.)

Stormont, Belfast

R. R. Bowman,

Assistant Secretary.

(a) S.R. & O. of N.I., 1935, No. 124 (p. 138).