

Dry Cleaning

SPECIAL REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH JUNE, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER SECTION 65 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938, AND SECTION 8 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949.

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers conferred by section 65 of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, (a) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), section 8 of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, (b) and of all other powers in that behalf hereby makes the following Special Regulations :—

Short title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dry Cleaning Special Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of September, 1950.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889, (c) applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say :—

" Chief Inspector " has the same meaning as in the principal Act.

" Dry cleaning " means cleaning, with the aid of inflammable liquid, articles of a textile character or articles of wearing apparel, whether of a textile character or not.

" Flash point " means the temperature at which any liquid when tested in the manner set forth in Part II of the Second Schedule to the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929 (d) gives off an inflammable vapour.

" Spotting " means the removal, by hand, of small stains with the aid of liquid taken from a receptacle of a capacity of not more than one pint.

Application of Regulations

3. Subject to the provisions of Regulation 5, these Regulations shall apply to all factories in which dry cleaning is carried on otherwise than by spotting.

(a) 2 Geo. 6. c.23
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c.63

(b) 13 Geo. 6. c.6
(d) 20 Geo. 5. c.13

Provided that these Regulations shall not apply to

- (a) factories in which no articles of a textile character and no articles of wearing apparel (other than articles made wholly or mainly of metal or articles of jewellery) are cleaned ; or
- (b) the cleaning in any factory of the textile parts of, or the textile equipment of, any machine or plant used in that factory.

Prohibition of the use of certain liquids

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Regulation, no liquid having a flash point below 90 degrees Fahrenheit shall be used for dry cleaning otherwise than by spotting.

(2) Where, immediately before the date on which these Regulations are made, liquid having a flash point of less than 90 degrees Fahrenheit was being used in any cleaning plant and the use of that plant subject to the prohibition in paragraph (1) of this Regulation would involve the replacement or substantial alteration of that plant or of machinery or plant connected therewith, paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply in the case of that cleaning plant until it is reasonably practicable to carry out such replacement or alteration ; so, however, that this paragraph shall cease to have effect at the expiration of a period of two years from the coming into operation of these Regulations.

Exemptions

5.—(1) If the Chief Inspector is satisfied that in any factory, or in factories of any specified class or description, the prohibition in Regulation 4 cannot reasonably be applied to the cleaning of articles of any specified class or description, he may by certificate in writing (which he may in his discretion revoke at any time) as respects the cleaning of articles of that class or description exempt that factory or factories of that class or description from the application of these Regulations either absolutely or subject to such conditions as may be specified in the certificate.

(2) Where any certificate is issued under this Regulation a legible copy thereof, showing the conditions (if any) subject to which it has been granted, shall be kept posted up in every factory to which the exemption applies in a position where it may conveniently be read by the persons employed.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 27th day of June, 1950, in the presence of

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R. W. Steele,

Assistant Secretary.