



Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act 1906

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PART III

(V)

MISCELLANEOUS

27 Interpretation of terms.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The expression “alkali work” means every work for—

- (a) the manufacture of sulphate of soda or sulphate of potash, or
- (b) the treatment of copper ores by common salt or other chlorides whereby any sulphate is formed,

in which [^{F1}hydrochloric] acid gas is evolved:

[^{F2}The expression “the appropriate Agency” means—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, the Environment Agency; and
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency:]

[^{F3}The expression “noxious or offensive gas” includes any substance set out in Schedule 2 to the Health and Safety (Emissions into the Atmosphere) Regulations 1983]

The expression “owner” includes any lessee, occupier, or any other person carrying on any work to which this Act applies;

The expression “best practicable means,” where used with respect to the prevention of the escape of noxious and offensive gases, has reference not only to the provision and the efficient maintenance of appliances adequate for preventing such escape, but also to the manner in which such appliances are used and to the proper supervision, by the owner, of any operation in which such gases are evolved:

The expression “prescribed” means prescribed by [^{F4}the Secretary of State.]

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The expression “central authority” means as regards England the [^{F4}the Secretary of State] as regards Ireland the Local Government Board for Ireland, and as regards Scotland the Secretary for Scotland:

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[^{F7}The expression “the Public Health Act” means as regards England the ^{M1}Public Health Act 1875, ... ^{F8}; and as regards Scotland the ^{M2}Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897; and as regards Ireland the ^{M3}Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, and includes any enactment amending those Acts.]

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- (2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as exempting any work from any of the provisions of this Act applicable to the work as being a work of a certain class or description by reason only that the work is subject to other provisions of this Act as being a work of some other class or description.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word “hydrochloric” substituted for the word “muriatic” wherever it appears in the Act, by [S.I. 1983/943, reg. 5\(a\)](#)
- F2** Definition of “the appropriate Agency” in s. 27(1) inserted (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 25, s. 120\(1\), Sch. 22 para. 1\(8\)\(a\)](#) (with [ss. 7\(6\), 115, 117](#)); [S.I. 1996/186, art. 3](#)
- F3** Definition substituted by [S.I. 1983/943, reg. 5\(d\)](#)
- F4** Words substituted by virtue of [Ministry of Health Act 1919 \(c. 21\), s. 3\(1\)\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 1, S.I. 1951/142 \(1951 I, p. 1348\), arts. 3\(1\), 5\(2\), Sch. 1 Pt. I, 1951/1900 \(1951 I, p. 1347\), 1965/319 arts. 2\(1\), 10\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. I and 1970/1681, arts. 2\(1\), 6\(3\)](#)
- F5** Definition repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1927 \(c. 42\)](#)
- F6** Definition repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\), Sch. 30](#)
- F7** The definition of “the Public Health Act” as it applies to England and Wales, repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43, s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. XI](#)
- F8** Words repealed by [London Government Act 1963 \(c. 33\), Sch. 18 Pt. II](#)
- F9** Definitions of “chief inspector” and “inspector” in s. 27(1) repealed (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 25, s. 120\(1\) \(3\), Sch. 22 para. 1\(8\)\(b\)](#) (with [ss. 7\(6\), 115, 117](#)); [S.I. 1996/186, art. 3](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Functions of Secretary for Scotland now exercisable by Secretary of State: [Scottish Board of Health Act 1919 \(c. 20\), s. 4\(1\)\(d\)](#); [Reorganisation of Offices \(Scotland\) Act 1928 \(c. 34\), s. 1](#) and [Reorganisation of Offices \(Scotland\) Act 1939 \(c. 20\), s. 1](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1875 c. 55.
M2 1897 c. 38.
M3 1878 c. 52.

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act 1906

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.R. 2005/77 art. 2](#) commences ([S.I. 1997/2777 \(N.I.\)](#))