
EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Secretary of State for Scotland acting jointly, replace the Nuclear Installations Regulations 1965.

These Regulations extend the classes of installations previously prescribed to include:

- (1) Installations in which any process is carried on in
 - (a) the manufacture of nuclear fuel from enriched uranium or plutonium in any form, compound or combination or
 - (b) the production of enriched uranium or plutonium in any form compound or combination from other forms compounds or combinations of these elements.
- (2) Installations comprising sub-critical assemblies or reactor exponential experiments containing enriched uranium or plutonium in any form or compound, or in combination.
- (3) Installations for the storage of bulk quantities of radioactive matter resulting from the production or use of nuclear fuel.
- (4) Installations in which plutonium or uranium is extracted from irradiated matter.
- (5) Installations in which uranium is enriched in the isotope uranium 235 by any process.
- (6) Installations in which isotopes, ready for use for industrial, chemical, agricultural, medical or scientific purposes, are produced from nuclear matter.

Certain installations where prescribed processes are carried out solely for chemical and isotopic assay or metallographical investigation are excluded from the Regulations and provision is made for the granting of exemption from licensing under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 in special circumstances.