
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1982 No. 827

HEALTH AND SAFETY

**The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 etc.
(Metrication) Regulations 1982**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	17th June 1982
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		28th June 1982
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st September 1982

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 49(1), (2) and (4) and 82(3)(a) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (a) (“the 1974 Act”) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and for the purpose of giving effect without modifications to proposals submitted to him by the Health and Safety Commission under section 11(2)(d) of the 1974 Act after the carrying out by the said Commission of consultations in accordance with section 50(3) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 etc. (Metrication) Regulations 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1982.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the principal Act and instruments” means the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (b) and the instruments amended by these Regulations, that is to say—

- The Washing Facilities Regulations 1964 (c);
- The Sanitary Conveniences Regulations 1964 (d);
- The Information for Employees Regulations 1965 (e);
- The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 7) Order 1968 (f).

Amendments to the principal Act and instruments to substitute metric measurements for imperial measurements

2.—(1) In Section 5(2) of The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (which relates to overcrowding) there shall be substituted—

- (a) for the words “square feet”, the words “square metres”;
- (b) for the word “forty”, the figure “3.7”;
- (c) for the words “cubic feet”, the words “cubic metres”;
- (d) for the words “four hundred”, the figure “11”.

(a) 1974 c.37; section 49 was amended by the Employment Protection Act 1975 (c.71), section 116 and Schedule 15, paragraph 15.
 (b) 1963 c.41. (c) S.I. 1964/965. (d) S.I. 1964/966.
 (e) S.I. 1965/307. (f) S.I. 1968/1947.

(2) The provisions of the principal Act and instruments specified in column 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

Application to existing premises and plant or premises and plant under construction

3. Where any premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirements of the principal Act and instruments as then in force, then those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the principal Act and instruments as amended by these Regulations.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.
17th June 1982.

David Waddington,
Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Employment.

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THE SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ACT AND INSTRUMENTS

1 Provisions to be amended	2 Subject matter of measurement	3 Present measurement	4 Measurement to be substituted
The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 Section 6(2)	Interpretation of 'reasonable temperature' Minimum temperature	16 degrees Centigrade (which is equivalent to 60.8° Fahrenheit)	16 degrees Celsius
The Washing Facilities Regulations 1964 Regulation 1(3)	Interpretation of 'trough' Minimum length or width Maximum interval between water supply points. Interpretation of 'unit of trough or washing fountain accommodation' Length of trough Circumference of trough or fountain Interpretation of 'washing fountain' Minimum width	four feet two feet two feet two feet three feet	1.20 metres 600 millimetres 600 millimetres 600 millimetres 920 millimetres
The Sanitary Conveniences Regulations 1964 Paragraph 3 of the Schedule	Interpretation of 'unit of urinal accommodation', Space of urinal	two feet	600 millimetres

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<p>The Information for Employees Regulations 1965 The Schedule Paragraph 10(2)</p> <p>Paragraph 11(1)</p> <p>Paragraph 15(3)</p> <p>The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 7) Order 1968 Article 3(b)</p>	<p>Minimum amount of floor space in respect of each person</p> <p>Ceiling height</p> <p>Where ceiling height is low, minimum volume of space in respect of each person</p> <p>Interpretation of 'reasonable temperature'</p> <p>Minimum temperature</p> <p>Length of trough, or circumference of washing fountain or trough, to count as one washbasin for purposes of the scale</p> <p>Maximum floor area of building to which exemption (from Section 9 — sanitary conveniences) applies</p>	<p>40 square feet</p> <p>10 feet</p> <p>400 cubic feet</p> <p>16° Centigrade (60.8° Fahrenheit)</p> <p>two feet</p> <p>two feet</p> <p>one hundred square feet</p>	<p>3.7 square metres</p> <p>3 metres</p> <p>11 cubic metres</p> <p>16 degrees Celsius</p> <p>600 millimetres</p> <p>600 millimetres</p> <p>9 square metres</p>

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 and the following instruments—

The Washing Facilities Regulations 1964;

The Sanitary Conveniences Regulations 1964;

The Information for Employees Regulations 1965; and

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 7) Order 1968;

by substituting amounts or quantities expressed in metric units for amounts or quantities not so expressed or expressed in metric units of a different description. The substituted amounts preserve the effect of the original provisions except to the extent necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments do not relate to premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if those premises or that plant complied with the then existing requirements.

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