
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Methylated Spirits Regulations 1987

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Methylated Spirits Regulations 1987 and shall come into force on 28th December 1987.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

“approved denaturants, markers and dyes” means denaturants, markers and dyes permitted by regulation 15 of these Regulations and complying with the requirements of that regulation;

“authorised user” means a person authorised in accordance with these Regulations to receive, use or supply methylated spirits;

“Bitrex” means benzyldiethyl [(2, 6-xylylcarbamoyl) methyl] ammonium benzoate otherwise known as Denatonium Benzoate;

“chemist” and “dispensing chemist” mean persons entitled by law to use those or similar titles in the sale of goods by retail respectively with or without a medical practitioner’s certificate and a body corporate, firm or partnership lawfully carrying on a business of a like nature and so entitled;

“medical practitioner” means doctors, dentists, nurses, chiropodists, veterinary surgeons and other persons entitled by law to provide medical or veterinary services in the United Kingdom;

“medical use” means any medical, veterinary, surgical or dental purpose other than administration internally;

“methylate” and like expressions means the mixing of denaturant and spirits so as to produce methylated spirits;

“methylator” means an authorised methylator under section 75(1) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 or a person holding an excise licence as a methylator under section 75 of that Act;

“plant” means all vessels, utensils, pipes, fittings and other equipment used for the manufacture or storage of methylated spirits;

“records” include documents, copies of documents and information stored in a computer or produced from a computer;

“spirits” means spirits of the following types only:—

- (a) plain spirits of a strength not less than 85 per cent; or
- (b) rum of a strength not less than 68 per cent; or

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(c) such other spirits as the Commissioners may allow to be used in place of those referred to at (a) or (b) above for the manufacture of methylated spirits;

“tank-craft” means a ship or other craft equipped with tanks for the conveyance of spirits and methylated spirits and “tank-waggon” means any vehicle so equipped;

“wood naphtha” includes wood naphtha substitutes.