
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 2793

The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“injury” does not include injury caused by any toxic or corrosive substance which—

- (a) has leaked or spilled from a load;
- (b) is present on the surface of a load but has not leaked or spilled from it; or
- (c) is a constituent part of a load;

and “injured” shall be construed accordingly;

“load” includes any person and any animal;

“manual handling operations” means any transporting or supporting of a load (including the lifting, putting down, pushing, pulling, carrying or moving thereof) by hand or by bodily force.

(2) Any duty imposed by these Regulations on an employer in respect of his employees shall also be imposed on a [^{F1}relevant self-employed person] in respect of himself.

[^{F2}(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) “relevant self-employed person” means a self-employed person who conducts an undertaking of a prescribed description for the purposes of section 3(2) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.]

F1 Words in [reg. 2\(2\)](#) substituted (1.10.2015) by [The Deregulation Act 2015 \(Health and Safety at Work\) \(General Duties of Self-Employed Persons\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1637\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 3\(a\)](#)

F2 [Reg. 2\(3\)](#) inserted (1.10.2015) by [The Deregulation Act 2015 \(Health and Safety at Work\) \(General Duties of Self-Employed Persons\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1637\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 3\(b\)](#)

Commencement Information

I1 [Reg. 2](#) in force at 1.1.1993, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992, Section 2.