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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1656**

**The Work in Compressed Air Regulations 1996**

**Notifications**

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the compressed air contractor shall ensure that no person works in compressed air unless the compressed air contractor has given notice of the work in compressed air to the Executive in accordance with paragraph (4) at least 14 days before the work is to commence.

(2) Where owing to an emergency or to circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen it is not practicable to comply with the requirement of paragraph (1) that notice of work in compressed air be given at least 14 days before that work is due to commence, such notice shall be given as soon as is practicable after the necessity for such work becomes known to the compressed air contractor and, in any event, before such work commences.

(3) The compressed air contractor shall ensure that no person works in compressed air unless notice of the work in compressed air has been given in accordance with paragraph (4) to—

- (a) any relevant hospital;
- (b) local ambulance and fire services; and
- (c) any other establishment in the vicinity which has an operable medical lock.

(4) The notice referred to in paragraphs (1) to (3) shall be in writing and shall contain the information set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(5) Where notice of work in compressed air has been given by virtue of paragraph (3), the compressed air contractor shall ensure that every body to whom such notice has been given is informed without delay of the completion or suspension of that work.

(6) In this regulation, “relevant hospital” means a hospital with an accident and emergency unit to which any person suffering from any acute condition arising from the work in compressed air is likely to be taken.