
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 824

The Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1997

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal Scheme

3.—(1) Schedule 1 to the principal Scheme shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this article.

(2) In column 2 of the entry relating to disease number 5 (primary malignant neoplasm of the mesothelium etc.) for the present entry there shall be substituted the following entry—

“Exposure to asbestos, asbestos dust or any admixture of asbestos at a level above that commonly found in the environment at large.”.

(3) In column 1 of the entry relating to disease number 8 (primary carcinoma of the lung etc.) for sub-paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(b) unilateral or bilateral diffuse pleural thickening extending to a thickness of 5mm or more at any point within the area affected as measured by a plain chest radiograph (not being a computerised tomography scan or other form of imaging) which—

- (i) in the case of unilateral diffuse pleural thickening, covers 50 per cent or more of the area of the chest wall of the lung affected; or
- (ii) in the case of bilateral diffuse pleural thickening, covers 25 per cent or more of the combined area of the chest wall of both lungs.”.