1966. No. 302 **[NC]**

FACTORIES

The Abstract of Factories Act (Northern Ireland) (Construction) Order 1966

ORDER, DATED 14TH DECEMBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTION 138 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 138(1) of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Abstract of Factories Act (Northern Ireland) (Construction) Order 1966, and shall come into operation on the 14th day of December 1966.

(2) So much of the Factories (Forms and Particulars) Order (Northern Ireland) 1950(**b**) as deals with Form N.I.3 is hereby revoked.

2. The abstract of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 required by Section 138(1) of that Act to be kept posted at the principal entrances of a factory at which employed persons enter shall, in the case of premises to which provisions of that Act apply by virtue of Section 125 thereof (building operations and works of engineering construction) be in the form set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 14th day of December 1966.

(L.S.)

W. Slinger,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 20 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 87.

Article 2

SCHEDULE

Form N.I.3

Abstract of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Social Services by virtue of Section 138(1) (as applied by Section 125) of that Act in the case of places where building operations and works of engineering construction are carried on

GENERAL

1. Notice of particular operations or works. An employer (whether a contractor or sub-contractor or an industrial or commercial concern carrying out building operations or works of engineering construction for the purpose of its undertaking) must, not later than 7 days after he begins any building operations or works of engineering construction to which the Act applies, send in writing to the Chief Inspector certain particulars unless (*a*) they are operations or works which the person undertaking them has reasonable grounds for believing will be completed in less than six weeks or (*b*) notice has already been given to the Chief Inspector in respect of building operations or works of engineering construction already in progress at the same place. The particulars (which may be furnished on Form N.I.10) are:— name and address of the employer; whether contractor or sub-contractor; place and nature of the operations; whether mechanical power is used and if so, its nature; and the name of the District Council within whose district the operations are situated. (Section 125(6) and (7).)

2. General Register. Every person undertaking building operations or works of engineering construction to which the Act applies must keep a General Register in the prescribed form. (Form N.I.36.)

The Register must be kept at the site of the operations or works or at an office of the person undertaking the operations or works. (Sections 125(5) and 140.)

3. Special Regulations and Welfare Regulations made for particular industries, processes, plant, etc., must be observed. Printed copies or prescribed abstracts of all such regulations which apply must be kept posted at the site of the operations or works or at each office, yard, or shop of the employers at which persons employed on the operations or works attend. (Sections 125(5) and 139.)

SAFETY

4. Steam Boilers and Air Receivers must be of sound construction, and must be properly maintained; they must be thoroughly examined by a competent person, at intervals of 14 months and 26 months respectively (in some cases a longer period is allowed) and the reports of such examinations must be attached to the General Register. (Sections 33, 35, 37, 39.)

5. Notification of accidents, dangerous occurrences. Accidents causing loss of life or disabling a worker for more than 3 days from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed must be reported (on Form N.I.43) forthwith to the Chief Inspector and entered in the General Register. (Sections 78 and 140.) Certain dangerous occurrences must also be reported whether disablement is caused or not, e.g., the bursting of a revolving vessel, wheel or grindstone moved by mechanical power; the collapse or failure of a crane, hoist or other lifting appliance or any part thereof (except the breakage of chain or rope slings), or the overturning of a crane; and explosions or fires in certain circumstances.

HEALTH

6. Sanitary accommodation. Sufficient and suitable sanitary conveniences must be available for the persons employed. The conveniences must be maintained and kept clean and effective provision must be made for lighting them. (Section 7.)

7. Lead Processes and the use of Lead Paint in connection with buildings. Everyone who employs persons in painting buildings must notify the Chief Inspector

and keep a register of such persons (Form N.I.92), except where their ordinary occupation does not include the painting of buildings. The Lead Paint Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1927, must be observed, and a copy thereof must be posted in the workshop and paint store, and, on all jobs on which more than twelve persons are employed in painting operations, in any apartment in which paints are mixed.

No woman, or young person under the age of 18, may be employed in painting any part of a building with lead paint; but this prohibition does not apply to:—

(*a*) a male young person duly apprenticed to the painting trade if his name, etc., are entered in a separate list attached to the Register (Form N.I.92);

(*b*) a woman or young person employed in the execution of wall or ceiling paintings or any similar work of decorative design. (Sections 126-130.)

8. Notification of industrial poisoning or disease. Cases of lead poisoning and compressed air illness and certain other industrial poisoning or diseases must be reported immediately to the Appointed Factory Doctor and to the Chief Inspector and entered in the General Register. (Sections 78, 79, 80, 140 and Regulations.)

9. Certificate of Fitness. No young person under the age of 18 years may remain in employment in building operations or works of engineering construction after a period of 14 days unless he has been medically examined by the Appointed Factory Doctor and given a certificate for that employment. Such a certificate must be renewed every 12 months or earlier if the Doctor so directs. A group certificate may be issued covering employment on any site with any employer. (Section 116.)

MISCELLANEOUS

10. Prohibition of deductions from wages. The occupier must not make a deduction from wages in respect of anything he has to do or provide in pursuance of the Act, or permit any person in his employment to receive payment from other employees for such services. (Section 136.)

11. Duties of Persons employed. A person employed must not wilfully interfere with or misuse any means, appliance, convenience or other thing provided in pursuance of the Act for securing health, safety or welfare and he must use any means or appliance for securing health or safety provided for his use under the Act. He must not wilfully and without reasonable cause do anything likely to endanger himself or others. (Section 143.)

12. Inspection. Inspectors have power to inspect every part of the premises by day or by night. They may require the production of registers, certificates, and other papers. They may examine any person found on the premises, either alone or in the presence of any other person as they think fit, and may require him to sign a declaration of the truth of the matters about which he is examined. They may also exercise such other powers as may be necessary for carrying the Act into effect. Every person obstructing an Inspector is liable to a penalty. (Section 146.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order prescribes the abstract of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 required by Section 138(1) of that Act to be kept posted at the principal entrances of a factory at which employed persons enter, in the case of places where building operations and works of engineering construction are carried on.

The abstract prescribed by this Order is in substitution for that prescribed by as much of the Factories (Forms and Particulars) Order (Northern Ireland) dated 7th June 1950 as deals with Form N.I.3 which is revoked.