STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 843

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 1969

Made - - -	*23rd June* 1969
Laid before Parliament	*1st July* 1969
Coming into Operation	*2nd July* 1969

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 1 of the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act 1952(**a**), (as extended by the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) (Extension) Orders 1960 to 1966(**b**)), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf and after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to represent the interests concerned, hereby make the following regulations :—

Citation, extent and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 1969, shall apply to Great Britain and shall come into operation on 2nd July 1969.

Interpretation

2. These regulations shall be construed as one with the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations 1966 to 1967(**c**), and may be cited together with those Regulations as the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations 1966 to 1969.

Amendment of the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations 1966

3. On the coming into operation of these regulations the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations 1966 shall have effect as if—

(*a*) In Regulation 3(1) of the said regulations there were inserted after the definition of "smoke generator" the following definition, viz.

" "smoke shreds" means shreds of combustible material, chemically treated to promote burning and impregnated with a specified substance" ;

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*c*) of the definition of "specified substance" in Regulation 3(1) of the said regulations there were substituted for the reference to 0.4 per cent by weight of dichlorvos, a reference to 0.5 per

(**a**) 1952 c. 60. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(**b**) S.I. 1960/398, 1965/1395, 1966/645 (1960 I, p. 83; 1965 II, p. 4115; 1966 II, p. 1452).
(**c**) S.I. 1966/1063, 1967/1860 (1966 II, p. 2600; 1967 III, p. 4998).

cent by weight of dichlorvos and in sub-paragraph (*d*) of the said definition there were inserted after the word "strip" the words "or an impregnated pellet of polyvinyl chloride";

(*c*) in Regulation 5(2) there were inserted after the words "smoke generator" the words "or where smoke shreds have been used";

(*d*) there were included in Part II of Schedule 1 to the said regulations the entry contained in Part I of the Schedule hereto;

(*e*) in Part II of Schedule 1, column 1, paragraph 1 there were inserted after "3" the words "or 3A"; and

(*f*) there were included in Part III of Schedule 2 to the said regulations the entry contained in Part II of the Schedule hereto.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th June 1969.

(L.S.) *Cledwyn Hughes,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 23rd June 1969.

(L.S.) *William Ross,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Regulation 3

SCHEDULE

PART I

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Operations prohibited except when protective clothing is worn	Substances in relation to which operations are carried out	Protective clothing required to be worn
3A. Opening a container containing smoke shreds which contain not more than 40 per cent by weight of the substance specified in Column 2 or transferring the contents from one container to another.	Nicotine	Rubber gloves

PART II

Column 1 Common Name and Classification	Column 2 Substance
(*a*) demephion (b)	Any mixture of demephion-0 [dimethyl 2-(methylthio) ethyl phosphorothionate] and demephion-S [dimethyl *S*-[2-(methylthio) ethyl] phosphorothiolate]
(*b*) demeton-S-methyl sulphone (b)	*S*-[2-(ethyl-sulphonyl) ethyl] dimethyl phosphorothiolate

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations 1966. Workers to whom these regulations apply may not, and their employers may not cause or permit them to, carry out certain operations with specified poisonous substances unless the prescribed safety measures, including the wearing of protective clothing, are observed.

The effect of these regulations is to require that workers who enter a greenhouse in which smoke shreds as herein defined have been used shall wear the same protective clothing as is specified by the principal regulations in cases where the greenhouse has been sprayed by means of an aerosol or a smoke generator with a specified substance. Workers opening a container of smoke shreds which contain not more than 40 per cent by weight of nicotine, or transferring the contents need no longer wear a face shield; rubber gloves are the only protective clothing now required for this operation.

In addition, the definition of a specified substance is amended so that an aerosol which contains 0.5 per cent by weight of dichlorvos (instead of 0.4 per cent) and an impregnated pellet of polyvinyl chloride containing not more than 20 per cent by weight of dichlorvos and, in both cases, no other specified substance, are now exempted from the definition. Two further substances, demephion (b) and demeton-S-methyl sulphone (b) are added to the list of poisonous substances.