The Building Operations (First-Aid and Ambulance Room Equipment) Order, 1948

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The Minister of Labour and National Service in pursuance of Regulation 80 of the Building (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations, 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as " the Regulations ") hereby prescribes the equipment and materials to be contained in every first-aid box or case which that Regulation requires to be provided and the minimum standard of ambulance room equipment for the ambulance rooms thereby required to be provided and maintained.

Contents of first-aid boxes or cases.

1.—(1) Each first-aid box or case shall contain:—

(*a*) in the case of a site where more than 10 but not more than 25 persons are employed in operations to which the Regulations apply, at least the equipment and materials specified as Standard B in the Schedule hereto;

(*b*) in the case of a site where more than 25 persons are employed in operations to which the Regulations apply, at least the equipment and materials specified as Standard C in the Schedule hereto:

Provided that in lieu of the dressings specified in items (ii) and (iii) of Standard B or Standard C there may be substituted adhesive wound dressings approved by certificate of the Chief Inspector of Factories.

(2) All materials for dressings contained in such first-aid boxes or cases shall be those designated in, and of a grade or quality not lower than the standards prescribed by, the British Pharmaceutical Codex or any supplement thereto.

Equipment of ambulance rooms.

2. The equipment of an ambulance room provided for the purpose of paragraph (5) of Regulation 80 of the Regulations shall be at least up to the following standard, namely:—

(i) a glazed sink with hot and cold water always available;
(ii) a table with smooth top;
(iii) means for sterilising instruments;
(iv) a supply of suitable dressings, bandages and splints;
(v) a couch;
(vi) a stretcher;
(vii) blankets and hot-water bottles; and
(viii) a foot-bath.

Citation.

3. This Order may be cited as the Building Operations (First-Aid and Ambulance Room Equipment) Order, 1948.

Signed by order of the Minister of Labour and National Service this 28th day of October, 1948.

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Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

(a) S.I. 1948 No. 1145, p. 953 above.

SCHEDULE

Contents of First-Aid Boxes or Cases

STANDARD B

(i) A copy of the first-aid leaflet (Form 923) issued by the Factory Department of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.
(ii) A sufficient number (not less than a dozen) of small sterilised dressings for injured fingers.
(iii) A sufficient number (not less than six) of medium size sterilised dressings for injured hands or feet.
(iv) A sufficient number (not less than six) of large sterilised dressings for other injured parts.
(v) A sufficient number of sterilised burn dressings (small and large).
(vi) A sufficient supply of sterilised cotton wool, in ½ oz. packets.
(vii) A two per cent. alcoholic solution of iodine or a one per cent. aqueous solution of gentian violet.
(viii) A bottle of sal volatile, having the dose and mode of administration indicated on the label.
(ix) Eye drops, prepared as described in the first-aid leaflet (Form 923).

STANDARD C

(i) A copy of the first-aid leaflet (Form 923) issued by the Factory Department of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.
(ii) A sufficient number (not less than two dozen) of small sterilised dressings for injured fingers.
(iii) A sufficient number (not less than one dozen) of medium size sterilised dressings for injured hands or feet.
(iv) A sufficient number (not less than one dozen) of large sterilised dressings for other injured parts.
(v) A sufficient number of sterilised burn dressings (small and large).
(vi) A sufficient supply of sterilised cotton wool, in ½ oz. packets.
(vii) A two per cent. alcoholic solution of iodine or a one per cent. aqueous solution of gentian violet.
(viii) A bottle of sal volatile, having the dose and mode of administration indicated on the label.
(ix) Eye drops prepared as described in the first-aid leaflet (Form 923).
(x) A supply of suitable splints and cotton wool or other material for padding.
(xi) A supply of adhesive plaster.
(xii) A tourniquet.
(xiii) One dozen roller bandages.
(xiv) Half-a-dozen triangular bandages.
(xv) Safety pins.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation 80 of the Building (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations, 1948, requires first-aid boxes or cases and ambulance rooms to be provided in connection with certain building sites. The boxes or cases have to contain at least such equipment and materials as may be prescribed and the ambulance room has to contain equipment at least up to such standard as may be prescribed. Accordingly this Order prescribes the contents of the first-aid boxes or cases and the minimum equipment of ambulance rooms.