1991 No. 339

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Electrical Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *26th July 1991*

Coming into operation . . *30th September 1991*

The Department of Economic Development, being a Department designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to measures for safety and consumer protection as respects electrical equipment and any provisions concerning the composition, labelling, marketing, classification or description of electrical equipment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by that section, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electrical Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 30th September 1991.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the principal Regulations" means the Electrical Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(**c**).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**d**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment to the principal regulations

3. In regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations, in the definition of "the First Specific Directive", there shall be inserted at the end "and as amended by Council Directive No. 90/487/EEC(**e**)".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 26th July 1991.

(L.S.) *Suzanna Cooper*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**b**) 1972 c. 68: section 2 is subject to Schedule 2 to that Act and is to be read with S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3) and S.R. 1984 No. 253
(**c**) S.R. 1990 No. 284
(**d**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**e**) O.J. No. L270, 2.10.90, p. 23

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend regulation 2(1) of the Electrical Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 (S.R. 1990 No. 284: the principal Regulations) to give effect with respect to Northern Ireland to the provisions of Council Directive 90/487/EEC (O.J. No. L270, 2.10.90, p. 23), concerning electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres employing certain types of protection.

The principal Regulations enable a manufacturer to apply to the Department of Economic Development as the certification and surveillance body appointed under those Regulations for a certificate of conformity or an inspection certificate as the case may be attesting that the electrical equipment, the subject of the application, conforms to the harmonised standards as defined in the Regulations or offers a degree of safety at least equivalent to those standards.

The effect of this amendment is to extend the list of the harmonised standards.