STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 1575

FACTORIES

The Electricity Regulations 1908 (Portable Apparatus Exemption) Order 1968

Made - - - -	1*st October* 1968
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The Secretary of State in pursuance of paragraph 6 of the provisions relating to exemptions in the Regulations(**a**) dated 23rd December 1908 with respect to the generation, transformation, distribution and use of electrical energy in factories and certain other premises and places (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electricity Regulations 1908 (Portable Apparatus Exemption) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on 14th October 1968.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used in this Order have the same respective meanings as in the Regulations, and the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, respectively, that is to say—

"all-insulated tool" means an electrically driven tool in which all metal parts (except any of the following, that is to say, any chuck or other tool-holder, name-plate, screw, rivet and other small part, which is isolated from all other metal parts by reinforced insulation or by insulation no less effective than reinforced insulation) are covered with insulating material in the form of a durable and substantial continuous enclosure of insulating material;

"approved" means approved for the time being by certificate of the Chief Inspector; and

"double-insulated tool" means an electrically driven tool of which all the metal work which a person may handle is, where practicable, so separated from the conductors by double insulation as to prevent such metal work from becoming electrically charged or, where in the case of any such metal work such double insulation is impracticable, of which that metal work is so separated as aforesaid by reinforced insulation.

(4) References in this Order to a British Standard shall be construed as references to the British Standard of the number specified which is current at the date of the making of this Order.

2.—(1) Subject to the conditions set out in Article 3 and except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Article, the portable apparatus specified in paragraph (3) of this Article is hereby exempted from so much of Regulation 13 of the

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1908/1312 (Rev. VII, p. 302: 1908 p. 340).
(**b**) 1889 c. 63.

Regulations as requires in the circumstances therein specified the metal work of portable apparatus to be efficiently earthed.

(2) The exemption granted by this Order shall not apply to any flexible metallic covering of the conductors.

(3) Paragraph (1) of this Article applies to all-insulated tools and double-insulated tools.

3. The conditions referred to in Article 2(1) are—

(1) that the apparatus shall be clearly and indelibly marked on the outside with the maker's name or trade mark and the maker's model or type reference;

(2) that the apparatus shall be clearly and indelibly marked on the outside so as to indicate—

(*a*) that the apparatus is certified by an approved body, (being an approved body which has subjected a sample of the apparatus to all the type tests specified in British Standard 2769: 1964, (or to tests equivalent to such tests), applicable to the apparatus relating to the proof of electrical strength, insulation resistance, material and construction of the insulation), as being apparatus which conforms as to proof of electrical strength, insulation resistance, material and construction of the insulation either to the standard specified for Class II tools in the said British Standard and applicable to the apparatus or to a standard equivalent thereto; and

(*b*) that the apparatus has been subjected by the maker to a routine test in accordance with subclause *m* of clause 4 of the said British Standard and has passed the said test; and

(*c*) the name and address or registered trade mark of the said approved body; and

(3) that the insulation of the apparatus shall be maintained so as to prevent danger.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.

1st October 1968.

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Deputy Under Secretary of State,
Department of Employment and Productivity.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order exempts, subject to specified conditions, portable electrical apparatus which is all-insulated or double-insulated from the requirement contained in the Electricity Regulations 1908 that the metal work of certain portable electrical apparatus used in factories and certain other places be efficiently earthed.

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