STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 1696

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Gas Catalytic Heaters (Safety) Order 1983

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 3(1)(*a*) and (2) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Consumer Safety Act 1978(**a**), hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gas Catalytic Heaters (Safety) Order 1983.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 21st November 1983 and shall cease to have effect at the expiration of a period of twelve months beginning with that date.

2. The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the risk of danger connected with the goods to which this Order relates is such that this Order must be made without delay.

3. In this Order—

"catalytic unit" means a unit—

(*a*) which contains a catalytic pad;

(*b*) into which petroleum gas is injected; and

(*c*) through which such gas is distributed and oxidised;

"gas catalytic heater" means an appliance suitable for use in any dwelling and designed for the heating of space by means of the catalytic oxidation of petroleum gas, being an appliance—

(*a*) in which the source of the petroleum gas is in liquid form; and

(*b*) which incorporates a catalytic unit;

"petroleum gas" means a hydrocarbon mixture consisting predominantly of butane, butylene, propane or propylene or of any mixture thereof; and

"unbonded asbestos" means asbestos which has not been treated by any adhesive or physical process which has resulted in the asbestos fibres cohering together.

(**a**) 1978 c. 38.

4. No person shall supply, offer to supply, agree to supply, expose for supply or possess for supply—

(*a*) any gas catalytic heater if the catalytic unit in that heater contains any unbonded asbestos;

or

(*b*) any catalytic unit suitable for use in a gas catalytic heater if that unit contains any unbonded asbestos.

Alexander Fletcher,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade and Industry.

18th November 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order prohibits persons from supplying, offering to supply, agreeing to supply, exposing for supply or possessing for supply—

(i) any liquid petroleum gas heater which incorporates a catalytic unit which contains any unbonded asbestos;

or

(ii) any catalytic unit which contains any unbonded asbestos for use in any such heater.

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