The Grinding of Cutlery and Edge Tools (Amendment) Special Regulations, 1950

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The Minister of Labour and National Service by virtue of section 60 of the Factories Act, 1937(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), section 8 of the Factories Act, 1948(b), and the Transfer of Functions (Factories, &c., Acts) Order, 1946(c), and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Special Regulations.

Short title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Grinding of Cutlery and Edge Tools (Amendment) Special Regulations, 1950, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1950. These Regulations and the Grinding of Cutlery and Edge Tools Regulations, 1925(d) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Regulations"), may be cited together as the Grinding of Cutlery and Edge Tools Special Regulations, 1925 and 1950.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(e), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Operation of principal Regulations

2. The provisions of Regulations 1, 3 and 6 of the principal Regulations shall, as respects the particular processes therein respectively mentioned and to the extent to which they apply to those processes, be in substitution for the provisions of section 47 of the principal Act, but save as aforesaid the requirements imposed by the principal Regulations shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions imposing requirements as to health or safety contained in Parts I, II or IV of the principal Act, and no exemption, suspension or relaxation from any of the provisions of the principal Regulations shall be deemed to be an exemption, suspension or relaxation, as the case may be, from any such requirement as to health or safety.

Amendment of the exemptions contained in the principal Regulations

3. For the Part of the principal Regulations headed "Exemptions" there shall be substituted the following:—

"Exemptions

"(1) Nothing in these Regulations shall apply—

(i) to any process in the manufacture of needles, pins, and fish-hooks;

(ii) to any process in the manufacture, repair, or sharpening of saws, tools, or instruments for use in machines for the cutting or working of metals; or

(a) 1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 67. (b) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(c) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 376) I, p. 1006. (d) S.R. & O. 1925 (No. 1089) p. 362.
(e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(iii) to the following work, that is to say, grinding or glazing, or any process incidental to grinding, in or incidental to the manufacture, repair or sharpening of saws, tools or instruments for use in the factory in the case of

(*a*) a room in which such work is not carried on for more than eight hours in any week, or

(*b*) a place in the open air where no person is wholly or mainly employed in such work.

" (2) In the case of factories or parts of factories not exempted from the application of these Regulations by virtue of paragraph (1) of these exemptions, these Regulations, other than Regulation 13, shall not apply to the intermittent grinding or glazing of metals

(*a*) in a room in which such work is not carried on for more than eight hours in any week, or

(*b*) in a place in the open air where no person is employed in such work for more than eight hours in any week,

so, however, that this exemption shall not apply in any case where the Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice in writing to that effect to the occupier of the factory.

" (3) Regulations 3, 5 and 7 (*a*) shall not apply to any wet grinding where the work being done at the grindstone or abrasive wheel is carried on by mechanical means unless and until so required by notice in writing from the Chief Inspector of Factories.

" If the Chief Inspector of Factories is satisfied in respect of any factory or any class of machines that owing to the special conditions or special methods of work or otherwise, any of the requirements of these Regulations can be suspended or relaxed without danger to the health or safety of the persons employed, or the application of these Regulations or some part thereof would for any reason be impracticable, he may by certificate in writing (which he may in his discretion revoke) authorise such suspension or relaxation for such period and on such conditions as he may think fit."

Dated this 15th day of March, 1950.

G. A. Isaacs,
Minister of Labour
and National Service.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

The purpose of these Regulations is to amend the Grinding of Cutlery and Edge Tools Regulations, 1925, in the following respects. The application to a particular room of exemption (1) (iii) or exemption (2) will depend upon the length of time certain work is carried on in that room instead of upon the time a particular individual is employed on that work in that room. The present Regulations specify which of the provisions of the Regulations of 1925 are intended to be in addition to, and which of those provisions are intended to be in substitution for, certain provisions of the Factories Act, 1937.