ATOMIC ENERGY AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SITES

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The Nuclear Installations Regulations, 1960

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The Minister of Power and the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections one and ten of the Nuclear Installations (Licensing and Insurance) Act, 1959(**a**), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers them enabling hereby jointly make the following regulations:—

Commencement and citation

1. These regulations shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of August, nineteen hundred and sixty, and may be cited as the Nuclear Installations Regulations, 1960.

Interpretation

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

Prescribed installations

3. The Minister of Power and the Secretary of State hereby prescribe for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section one of the Act any installation designed or adapted for either or both of the following purposes, that is to say—

(*a*) the carrying out of any process involved in the manufacture from uranium enriched so as to contain more than 0·72 per cent. of the isotope 235, or an alloy or chemical compound of such uranium, of fuel elements to be used for the production of atomic energy; or

(*b*) the storage of fuel elements containing uranium enriched as aforesaid, other than storage incidental to the carriage of, or the carrying out of research in connection with, such elements.

Richard Wood,
Minister of Power.

21st July, 1960.

John S. Maclay,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

21st July, 1960.

(a) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 46. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, made by the Minister of Power and the Secretary of State for Scotland acting jointly, prescribe for the purpose of subsection (1) (*b*) of section one of the Nuclear Installations (Licensing and Insurance) Act, 1959, certain classes of installations designed or adapted for carrying out processes which are preparatory or ancillary to the production or use of atomic energy and which might cause the emission of ionising radiations; the regulations also prescribe certain installations for storing nuclear fuel.

The particular classes of installations thus made subject to the operation of the Act are those where such processes are carried out in the manufacture of nuclear fuel elements from enriched uranium, or where enriched uranium fuel elements are stored otherwise than for purposes incidental to transport or research.