1992 No. 216

HEALTH AND SAFETY

QUARRIES

Quarries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made	*15th May 1992*
Coming into operation	*29th June 1992*

The Department of Economic Development being the Department concerned(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 45(1), (2) and 55(2) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with Article 46(1) of that Order with the Health and Safety Agency for Northern Ireland and such other bodies as appeared to it to be appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Quarries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 29th June 1992.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Quarries (Safety, Health, Equipment and Explosives) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1962(**c**).

Amendments to the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

2. The Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**d**) shall have effect subject to the following amendments:

(*a*) in Article 6(1)(a)(ii) for the words "pounds per square inch" there shall be substituted "bars".

(*b*) in Article 6(1)(a)(iii) for the words "40 pounds per square inch" there shall be substituted "3 bars".

Amendments to regulations to substitute metric measurements for imperial measurements

3. The provisions of the principal Regulations specified in column 1 of the Schedule shall be amended by substituting for the measurements set out opposite thereto in column 3 the measurements set out in the corresponding entry in column 4.

(**a**) *See* Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(**b**) S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9)
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962 No. 180
(**d**) 1983/150 (N.I. 4)

Application to existing premises and plant or premises and plant under construction

4. Where any premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations complied with the requirement of the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 and the principal Regulations as then in operation, then those premises or that plant shall be deemed to comply with the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 and the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 15th May 1992.

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

SCHEDULE Regulation 3

Amendments to principal regulations

Column 1 *Rules to be amended*	Column 2 *Subject-matter of measurement(s)*	Column 3 *Present measurement*	Column 4 *Substituted measurement*
1. Rule 15	Maximum height of a person on a quarry face without being secured	Fifteen feet	5 metres
2. Rule 19	(*a*) Maximum interval allowed between platforms on a ladder	(*a*) Ten yards	(*a*) 10 metres
	(*b*) Minimum distance a ladder must project above a platform	(*b*) Three feet	(*b*) 920 millimetres
3. Rule 30	(*a*) Minimum height of skirting board on the open side of any gantry or platform other than one forming a bridge	(*a*) Six inches	(*a*) 150 millimetres
	(*b*) Minimum height of skirting board on the open side of any gantry or platform forming a bridge	(*b*) Nine inches	(*b*) 230 millimetres
4. Rule 32(2)	Maximum working height in or on a building or structure without fencing unless there is a secure foothold or handhold	Six feet six inches	2.150 metres

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Quarries (Safety, Health, Equipment and Explosives) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1962 and the Quarries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 by substituting measurements expressed in metric units for measurements not so expressed. The substituted measurements preserve the effect of the original provisions except to the extent necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.

Regulation 4 provides that the amendments do not affect premises or plant in existence or under construction immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations if those premises or that plant complied with the then existing Order and Regulations.