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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Stands for Carry-Cots

REGULATIONS,* DATED 14TH JUNE 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a), and after consulting with such other persons and bodies of persons as appears to it requisite, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Commencement and Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Stands for Carry-Cots (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on the 4th day of September 1967.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965;

"carry-cot" means a cot designed for use in carrying a baby about;

"cot-stand" means a stand designed to accommodate a carry-cot when the cot is not being carried about, but does not include a stand which is designed for use (when accommodating a carry-cot) as a perambulator;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

Labelling

3. A cot-stand shall have stoutly affixed to it a durable label stating in legible and durable characters the maximum length and width of carry-cot which the stand is designed to accommodate.

Dimensions of Base of Cot-Stand

4. The effective base of a cot-stand, when set upon a flat surface, shall be wider than the width and at least as long as three-quarters of the length specified in the label required by Regulation 3.

Design of Cot-Stand

5. A cot-stand shall be so designed that, when a carry-cot having the dimensions specified in the label required by Regulation 3 is in position on the stand—

(*a*) the carry-cot is effectively retained in position on the stand by a guard-rail or rigid stops operating upon the corners of the carry-cot at a point not less than three inches above the underside of the bottom of the carry-cot; and

(*b*) the underside of the bottom of the carry-cot is not more than seventeen inches above floor level.

(a) 1965. c. 14 (N.I.).

*These Regulations were approved by a Resolution of each House of Parliament on 27th June 1967.

Strength of Cot-Stand

6. A cot-stand shall be such that it will not break or suffer permanent distortion if—

(*a*) a carry-cot is placed in position on the stand;

(*b*) a weight of sixty pounds is so applied that its pressure is equally distributed over the bottom of the carry-cot; and

(*c*) that pressure is maintained for twelve hours.

Goods already manufactured

7. As respects the requirements of these Regulations, Sections 2(1) and 2 (2) of the Act (which prohibit sales and possession for sale of goods and component parts not complying with regulations) shall apply in relation to goods and component parts manufactured before the coming into operation of these Regulations notwithstanding anything in Section 2(4) (which exempts such goods and parts unless regulations otherwise provide).

Local Authorities

8.—(1) The Schedule to the Act shall have effect in relation to goods to which these Regulations apply.

(2) Any test of goods to which these Regulations apply, being a test such as is referred to in paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Act (which empowers a local authority to purchase goods for the purpose of a test), shall be carried out, at the expense of the local authority, by such person or body as may be authorised by the Ministry to carry out such tests.

(3) In relation to goods to which these Regulations apply "local authority" in the Schedule to the Act and paragraph (2) of this Regulation shall mean the health authority for the area of each county and county borough.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 14th day of June 1967, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. G. Hill,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

By the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965, the Ministry of Home Affairs is empowered to make Regulations imposing requirements in respect of any prescribed class of goods to prevent or reduce risk of death or personal injury.

These Regulations impose such requirements in relation to stands for carry-cots (as defined in Regulation 2) and accordingly under the Act, subject to certain exceptions, no person may sell or have in his possession for sale a carry-cot stand not complying with the Regulations.

Regulation 3 requires a label stating the maximum dimensions of cot for which the stand is designed. Regulation 4 relates to the size of the base Regulation 5 requires a guard-rail or stops to keep the cot in position and prescribes a maximum height above the floor. Regulation 6 requires the cot to be of a specified strength.

Under Regulation 7 the prohibition on sale of goods not complying with the Regulations will apply to goods manufactured before the coming into operation of the Regulations. Regulation 8 makes provision for enforcement, in particular as to the local authorities responsible.