EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide that the salary grant will be two-thirds of the amount by which the salary payable to a teacher on the authorised staff of a voluntary grammar school exceeds the rate of £593 per annum as from 1st July 1967.

1967. No. 317 **[C]**

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Safety of Toys

REGULATIONS*, DATED 15TH NOVEMBER 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 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 Toys (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1968.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

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

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

"toy" means a child's plaything.

Celluloid Toys

3.—(1) A toy shall not, whether wholly or in part, be made of or impregnated with cellulose nitrate.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply to a ball of the kind used for ping-pong or table tennis.

Toxic ingredients in the paint used on Toys

4.—(1) A toy shall not have any coating of paint which contains lead, or any compound of lead, so that the proportion (by weight) of lead calculated as the element (Pb) exceeds 11,000 parts or, after 30th November 1968, 5,000 parts in 1,000,000 parts of the dry paint film.

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

*These Regulations were affirmed by a Resolution of each House of Parliament on 28th November 1967.

(2) After 30th November 1968, a toy shall not have any coating of paint which contains arsenic, or any compound of arsenic, so that the proportion (by weight) of arsenic calculated as the element (As) exceeds 250 parts in 1,000,000 parts of the dry paint film.

(3) After 30th November 1968, a toy shall not have any coating of paint which contains soluble antimony, barium, cadmium or chromium, or any soluble compound of any of those elements, so that the proportion (by weight) of the element calculated as such exceeds 250 parts in 1,000,000 parts of the dry paint film.

The expression "soluble" in relation to an element or compound means capable of being dissolved by the method described in the Schedule.

(4) "Paint" includes lacquer, varnish and other similar substances.

Goods already manufactured

5. As respects the requirements of these Regulations, Section 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 imposition of those requirements notwithstanding anything in Section 2(4) (which exempts such goods and parts unless regulations otherwise provide).

Letting under hire-purchase agreement or on hire

6. Section 2(1) to (3) (other than paragraphs (d) and (e) of Section 2(3)) of the Act (which relate to sales and possession for sale of goods and component parts not complying with regulations) shall, subject to subsection (6) of that section, apply in relation to goods to which these Regulations apply as if references to selling or to a sale included references to letting under a hire-purchase agreement or on hire, and the reference to a sale under a credit-sale agreement were a reference to a letting under a hire-purchase agreement.

Local Authorities

7.—(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 15th day of November 1967, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. G. Robinson,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(3)

Method of Dissolving Soluble Substances contained in Dry Paint

1. A sample of the dry paint film shall be so comminuted as to be capable of passing through a sieve having a B.S.30 mesh.

2. The sample so comminuted shall be shaken continuously for one hour, at room temperature, with 1,000 times its weight of an aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid containing 0.25 per cent. by weight of hydrogen chloride.

3. After shaking, the mixture shall be allowed to stand for one hour, and shall then be filtered.

4. In this Schedule, "B.S.30 mesh" means a mesh which complies with the specification for a number 30 mesh set out in Table 1 of the British Standard Specification for Test Sieves B.S.410:1962, as amended by Amendment No. 1 published on 19th November 1963.

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 toys (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 toy not complying with the Regulations. By virtue of Regulation 6, letting on hire or hire purchase is similarly prohibited.

Regulation 3 prohibits the use of celluloid in toys, other than ping-pong balls.

Regulation 4 imposes restrictions in relation to the paint which may be used on toys.

Regulation 5 provides that toys shall be subject to the Regulations notwithstanding that they were manufactured before the Regulations became effective.

Regulation 7 makes provision as regards enforcement.

Copies of the specification mentioned in the Schedule may be obtained from the British Standards Institution.