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FACTORIES AND MACHINERY (ASBESTOS PROCESS) REGULATIONS 1986
PART I - PRELIMINARY

Regulation 2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

"approved" means approved in writing by the Chief Inspector;

"asbestos" means crocidolite, amosite, chrysotile, fibrous anthophyllite, tremolite or actinolite;

"asbestos dusts" means asbestos fibres or any particle containing loose asbestos fibres, dispersed during an asbestos process or any other process which generates asbestos fibres, or any particle containing loose asbestos fibres;

"asbestos fibres" means asbestos fibres of more than 5 micrometers in length and less than 3 micrometers in width and having a length to width ratio of not less than 3 to 1 when viewed in a phase contrast optical microscope at 400 to 500 magnification;

"asbestos material" means -

(a) asbestos, or any loose asbestos fibres, or any material containing any loose asbestos fibres that had been collected in a factory;

(b) asbestos dust or waste containing loose asbestos fibres that had been collected in a factory;

"asbestos process", in relation to a factory, means a manufacturing process involving the use, application, removing, mixing or other handling of asbestos material, but does not include -

(a) a process in connection with which asbestos dust cannot be dispersed in such quantities or manner that the concentration of such dust in the breathing air of any employee may at any time exceed the permissible exposure limit; or

(b) the cleaning of the premises, plant, equipment, furniture or fittings of factory;

"asbestos processing area" means a workroom or part of a factory in which an asbestos process is carried out;

"breathing air", in relation to an employee, means air that is or may be breathed by that employee;

"competent person" means an employee or any other person appointed by an occupier and approved by the Chief Inspector to carry out any inspection, examination or test on exhaust equipment installed in a factory;

"dust collector" means any bag, bin or other receptacle for collecting dust, and that is part of or installed in connection with an exhaust equipment;

"employee" means a person employed in a factory whether by an occupier or by any other person;

"exhaust equipment" means equipment for removing dust by means of an exhaust draught produced by mechanical means;

"permissible exposure limit" means the maximum concentration of asbestos dust per milliliter of air to which an employee may be exposed;

"prescribed area" means an asbestos processing area in which it would not be practicable for an asbestos process to be carried on if exhaust equipment were provided;

"prescribed work" means the cleaning (including the emptying of dust collectors), inspection, examination, or testing of any processing area or any plant, equipment, furniture or fittings in such an area or used in any asbestos process, or the removal of asbestos dust;

"registered medical practitioner" means a medical practitioner registered under the Medical Act 1971[Act 50].