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HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT
(CAP. 646)

Protection of the Health and Safety of Workers from the Risks related to Chemical Agents at Work (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 45 of the Health and Safety at Work Act, the Minister responsible for health and safety at work has made the following regulations:

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Protection of the Health and Safety of Workers from the Risks related to Chemical Agents at Work (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 and these regulations shall be read and constructed as one with the Protection of the Health and Safety of Workers from the Risks related to Chemical Agents at Work Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

S.L. 646.16.

Amends regulation 1 of the principal regulations.

2. In paragraph (d) of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 1 of the principal regulations the words "Commission Directive 2000/39/EC." shall be substituted by the words "Commission Directive 2000/39/EC;" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(e) Directive (EU) 2024/869 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2024 amending Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 98/24/EC as regards the limit values for lead and its inorganic compounds and for diisocyanates.".

Substitutes Schedule I to the principal regulations.

3. Schedule I to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new Schedule:

"SCHEDULE I

LIST OF BINDING OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMIT VALUES

Name of agent	EC No ([1])	CAS No ([2])	Limit values						Notation	Transitional measures
			8 hours ([3])			Short-term ([4])				
			µg/m^3 ([5])	ppm ([6])	f/ml ([7])	µg/m^3 ([5])	ppm ([6])	f/ml ([7])		

Diisocyanates (measured as NCO ([10]))	-	-	6	-	-	12	-	-	Skin (8) Dermal and respiratory sensitisation (9)	A limit value of 10 µg NCO/m^3 in relation to a reference period of 8 hours and a short-term exposure limit value of 20 µg NCO/m^3 shall apply until 31 December 2028.

(1) EC No, i.e., Einecs, ELINCS or NLP, is the official number of the substance within the European Union, as defined in Annex VI, Part 1, Section 1.1.1.2, to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.

(2) CAS No: Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number.

(3) Measured or calculated in relation to a reference period of 8-hour time-weighted average (TWA).

(4) Short-term exposure limit (STEL). A limit value above which exposure should not occur and which is related to a 15-minute period unless otherwise specified.

(5) µg/m^3 = micrograms per cubic metre of air at 20 °C and 101,3 kPa (760 mm mercury pressure).

(6) ppm = parts per million by volume in air (ml/m^3).

(7) f/ml = fibres per millilitre.

(8) Substantial contribution to the total body burden via possible dermal exposure.

(9) The substance may cause sensitisation of the skin and of the respiratory tract.

(10) NCO refers to isocyanate functional groups of the diisocyanate compounds.".

Deletes Schedule II to the principal regulations.

4. Schedule II to the principal regulations shall be deleted.

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