

Workplace Safety and Health (First-Aid) Regulations

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Workplace Safety and Health (First-Aid) Regulations.

Application

2. These Regulations shall apply to the following workplaces:

- (a) any premises which is a factory;
- (b) any premises within an airport where any checking, inspecting, cleaning, loading, unloading or refueling of an aircraft is carried out by persons other than by the crew of the aircraft;
- (c) any ship in a harbour where —
 - (i) any scaling, scurffing or cleaning of boilers (including combustion chambers and smoke boxes) in the ship;
 - (ii) any cleaning of any tank, bilges or holds in the ship; or
 - (iii) any construction, re-construction, repair, fitting, furnishing or breaking up,is carried out; and
- (d) any laboratory or other premises where the testing, examination or analysis of any article is carried out.

Definition

3. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “first-aid” means —

- (a) in cases where a person needs help from a registered medical practitioner or nurse, treatment for the purpose of preserving life and minimising the consequences of bodily injury until such help is obtained; or
- (b) treatment of minor bodily injury which does not require treatment by a registered medical practitioner or nurse.

Provision of first-aid boxes

4.—(1) Every workplace shall be provided with the relevant first-aid box as follows:

- (a) one Box A first-aid box for every 25 persons or less employed in the workplace;
- (b) one Box B first-aid box or 2 Box A first-aid boxes for every 50 persons employed in the workplace;
- (c) one Box C first-aid box, 2 Box B first-aid boxes or 4 Box A first-aid boxes for every 100 persons employed in the workplace.

(2) Where a workplace is located in a building, the number of first-aid boxes required on a floor of the building in which the workplace is located shall be determined by the number of persons employed on that floor of the building in accordance with paragraph (1).

(3) Every Box A, Box B or Box C first-aid box provided in a workplace shall —

- (a) contain the contents specified in the First Schedule for that type of first-aid box;
- (b) be properly maintained;
- (c) be checked frequently to ensure that it is fully equipped and that all the items in it are usable;
- (d) be clearly identified as a first-aid box;
- (e) be placed in a location that is well-lit and accessible; and
- (f) be under the charge of a person appointed by the occupier of the workplace.

(4) Nothing except appliances or requisites for first-aid shall be kept in a first-aid box.

First-aiders

5.—(1) Where more than 25 persons are employed in a workplace, there shall be appointed in the workplace as first-aiders who shall be readily available during working hours such number of persons as complies with the ratio specified in the Second Schedule for that type of workplace.

(2) Every person appointed as a first-aider under paragraph (1) shall —

- (a) have undergone and successfully completed such training in first-aid treatment as the Commissioner may approve; and
- (b) undergo such subsequent re-training in first-aid treatment as the Commissioner may require.