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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015**

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**THE CONTROL OF MAJOR ACCIDENT  
HAZARDS REGULATIONS 2015**

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1. Substances and mixtures are classified in accordance with the CLP...
2. Mixtures must be treated in the same way as pure...
3. The qualifying quantities set out in Parts 1 and 2...
4. The following rules governing the addition of dangerous substances, or...
5. In the case of dangerous substances which are not covered...
6. In the case of dangerous substances with properties giving rise...
7. Dangerous substances that fall within Acute Toxic Category 3 via...
8. The hazard class Explosives includes explosive articles (see Section 2.1...
9. Testing for explosive properties of substances and mixtures is only...
10. If Explosives of Division 1.4 are unpacked or repacked, they...
11. (1) Flammable aerosols are classified in accordance with Council Directive...
12. According to paragraph 2.6.4.5 in Annex I to the CLP...
13. Ammonium nitrate (5,000/10,000): fertilisers capable of self-sustaining decomposition. This applies...
14. Ammonium nitrate (1,250/5,000): fertiliser grade. This applies to straight ammonium...
15. Ammonium nitrate (350/2,500): technical grade. This applies to ammonium nitrate...
16. Ammonium nitrate (10/50): 'off-specs' material and fertilisers not fulfilling the...
17. Potassium nitrate (5,000/10,000). This applies to any composite potassium nitrate...
18. Potassium nitrate (1,250/5,000). This applies to any composite potassium nitrate...
19. Upgraded biogas. For the purpose of these Regulations, upgraded biogas...
20. Polychlorodibenzofurans and polychlorodibenzodioxins. The quantities of polychlorodibenzofurans and polychlorodibenzodioxins are...
21. In cases where this dangerous substance falls within category P5a...
22. The CAS number is shown only for indication.

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Requirements and matters to be addressed by safety management systems

1. A safety management system must— (a) be proportionate to the...
2. The following matters must be addressed by the safety management...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Minimum data and information to be included in a safety report

1. The data and information to be included in a safety...
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4. The establishment— (a) a description of the main activities and...
5. Identification and accidental risks analysis and prevention methods—
6. Measures of protection and intervention to limit the consequences of...

SCHEDULE 4 — Information to be included in internal and external emergency plans

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An internal emergency plan must include the following information—

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An external emergency plan must include the following information—

SCHEDULE 5 — Criteria for the notification of a major accident to the European Commission

1. A major accident meets the criteria in this Schedule if...
2. A major accident falling within paragraph (a), or having at...
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SCHEDULE 6 — Amendments to secondary legislation

1. In the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning)(Scotland) Regulations 2005...
2. In the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 , in...
3. In the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) Regulations 2005...
4. In the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority for Railways and...
5. In the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 3 and...
6. In the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 , in...
7. (1) Schedule 4 to the 2012 Regulations is amended as...
8. (1) Schedule 7 to the Natural Resources Body for Wales...
9. In Schedule 2 to the Employment Tribunals and the Employment...
10. In the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 , in regulation 3(1)(b),...
11. In the Health and Safety and Nuclear (Fees) Regulations 2015...

Explanatory Note

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