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THE FACTORIES ACT.

Commencement: 31 March, 1953.

An Act to make provision for the health, safety and welfare of persons employed in factories and other places.

PART I—APPLICATION OF ACT.

1. General application of Act.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, this Act shall apply only to factories as defined by this Act, but shall, except where the contrary intention appears, apply to all those factories.

2. Application to factories belonging to Government.

This Act applies to factories belonging to or in the occupation of the Government and to building operations and works of engineering construction undertaken by or on behalf of the Government.

3. Power to exempt in case of public emergency.

In the case of any public emergency the Minister may, by statutory instrument, to the extent and during the period named in the order, exempt from this Act either factories generally or any class or description of factory.

PART II—INTERPRETATION.

4. Interpretation of “factory”.

(1) Subject to this section, “factory” means any premises in which or within the close or curtilage or precincts of which, persons are employed in manual labour in any process for or incidental to any of the following purposes—

- (a) the making of any article or of part of any article;
- (b) the altering, repairing, ornamenting, finishing, cleaning, washing, or the breaking up or demolition of any article; or
- (c) the adapting for sale of any article,

being premises in which, or within the close or curtilage or precincts of which, the work is carried on by way of trade or for purposes of gain and to or over which the employer of the persons employed therein has the right of access or control.

(2) Whether or not they are factories by reason of the definition in subsection (1), “factory” also includes the following premises in which persons are employed in manual labour—

- (a) any yard or dry dock (including the precincts of the yard or dry dock) in which ships or vessels are constructed, reconstructed, repaired, refitted, finished or broken up;
- (b) any premises in which the business of washing or filling bottles or containers or packing articles is carried on incidentally to the purposes of any factory;
- (c) any laundry carried on as ancillary to another business or incidentally to the purposes of any public or private institution;
- (d) any premises in which the construction, reconstruction or repair of locomotives, vehicles or other plant for use for transport purposes is carried on as ancillary to transport undertaking or other industrial or commercial undertaking, not being any premises used for the purpose of housing locomotives or vehicles where only cleaning, washing, running repairs or minor adjustments are carried out;
- (e) any premises in which printing by letterpress, lithography, photogravure or other similar process, or bookbinding is carried on by way of trade or for purposes of gain or incidentally to another business so carried on;
- (f) any premises in which mechanical power is used in connection with the making or repair of articles of metal or wood incidentally to any business carried on by way of trade or for purposes of gain;
- (g) any premises in which articles are made or prepared incidentally to the carrying on of building operations or works of engineering construction, not being premises in which such operations or works are being carried on;
- (h) any premises in which persons are regularly employed in or in connection with the generating of electrical energy for supply by way of trade, or for supply for the purposes of any industrial or commercial undertaking or of any public building or public or private institution, or for supply to streets or other public places;
- (i) any premises in which mechanical power is used for the purposes

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