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**THE CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS 1961, AMENDMENT
NO. 3**

—
ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 11th day of December
1967

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. J. R. MARSHALL PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Construction Act 1959, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Construction Regulations 1961, Amendment No. 3, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Construction Regulations 1961* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Guarding of water holes—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 28, the following regulation:

“28A. (1) Where in the course of construction work any excavation is made that is likely to collect or retain water of such a depth as will constitute a hazard to children, the excavation shall be covered or otherwise fenced off during times when workmen are not in the immediate vicinity in order to prevent ready access to the excavation by children.

“(2) No employer, on the completion of any construction work, shall leave uncovered, unfenced, or unfilled any hole or excavation made during the course of the construction work if the hole or excavation is likely to collect or retain water of such a depth as will constitute a hazard to children.”

*S.R. 1961/5
Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1965/117
Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1965/186

3. Setting up of scaffolding—Regulation 69 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking paragraph (b) of subclause (1), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) No person shall, unless he holds a certificate as a scaffolder of the appropriate class or is working under the direct personal supervision of a holder of such a certificate, set up any such scaffolding or subsequently make any structural alteration to the scaffolding or change the nature of its anchorage.”

4. Specifications in respect of scaffolding members—The First Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking Part I, and substituting the new Part I set out in the First Schedule to these regulations.

5. Maximum spans for timber scaffold planks—Part II of the First Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking Table A, and substituting the new Table A set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations.

6. Miscellaneous amendments—Part II of the First Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby further amended—

- (a) By omitting from Table B the expression “10 ft” in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression “9 ft”;
- (b) By omitting from Table D the expression “10 ft”, and substituting the expression “9 ft”;
- (c) By omitting from Table F the expression “10 ft”, and substituting the expression “9 ft”.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Reg. 4

NEW PART I OF FIRST SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Reg. 40

“PART I

Specifications in Respect of Scaffolding Members

1. Timber planks for decking of working platforms:
Either Special class or Standard class according to the classification for selection and use as set out in N.Z.S.S. 1426:1965 and to the quality and dimensions specified therein.
2. Timber standards, ledgers, guardrails, and bearers:
Douglas Fir or other approved timber not inferior in quality to Building A or No. 1 Framing grade as set out in N.Z.S.S. 169:1962, ‘Classification and Grading of New Zealand Building Timbers’.
3. Hardwood bearers:
Select grade Blackbutt, Spotted Gum, or other approved Australian hardwood timber.
4. Tubular steel for standards, ledgers, and bearers:
Two inch outside diameter steel tubes and metal fittings not inferior in quality and strength to that set out in British Standard 1139:1964.

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

5. Tubular aluminium for standards, ledgers, and bearers:

Two inch outside diameter aluminium tubes and fittings conforming to British Standard 1139:1964.

6. Metal prefabricated frames for scaffolding:

Metal prefabricated frames which when assembled (whether or not in conjunction with other metal members) produce a scaffolding with an overall strength not less than that of 2 in. diameter tubular metal scaffolding constructed, in accordance with these regulations and British Standard 1139:1964, of the same metal as that in the frames and with the same dimensions as that of the assembled prefabricated frame scaffolding.”

SECOND SCHEDULE

NEW TABLE A OF PART II OF FIRST SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Reg. 41 (1)

“TABLE A

Maximum Spans for Timber Scaffold Planks of Standard and Special Class

| <u>Class of Plank</u> (in accordance with N.Z.S.S. 1426:1965) | <u>Thickness*</u> | <u>Maximum Span for</u> <u>Light-duty Working</u> <u>Platform</u> | <u>Maximum Span for</u> <u>Heavy-duty Working</u> <u>Platform</u> |
|---|-------------------|---|---|
| Standard Plank | 1½ in. | 4 ft 6 in. | 4 ft |
| Standard Plank | 2 in. | 6 ft 6 in. | 5 ft |
| Special Plank (A1) | 2 in. | 9 ft | 6 ft 6 in.” |

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

Regulation 2 requires any excavation made in the course of construction work to be protected if the excavation is likely to collect or retain water to an extent likely to constitute a hazard to children.

Regulation 3 redrafts the provision relating to persons qualified to set up movable suspended scaffolding, swinging stages, or boatswains' chairs to make it clearer.

Regulations 4 and 5 bring references to standard specifications up to date.

Regulation 6 reduces from 10 ft to 9 ft the maximum spans of ledgers and guardrails on certain scaffolding.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Labour.