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**PRESSURE SYSTEMS SAFETY
REGULATIONS 2026**



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PRESSURE SYSTEMS SAFETY REGULATIONS 2026

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The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture makes the following Regulations, after consulting such organisations as it considers represent the interests affected by the Regulations¹, under section 15(1), (2), (3)(a) and (b), (4), (5), (6)(a) and (b) and (9), 47(3) and 82(3)(a) of, and paragraphs 1(1)(a) and (c), (2) and (3), 14, 15(1) and 16 of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (of Parliament²) as that Act applies to the Island by virtue of section 1 of the Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1977³.

PART 1 — INTRODUCTION

1 Title

These Regulations are the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2026.

2 Commencement

If approved by Tynwald⁴, these Regulations come into operation on 1 August 2028.

3 Interpretation

SI 2000/128/2 and 2007/1573

(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“**the 1974 Act**” means the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (of Parliament), as that Act applies to the Island;

“**ADR**” means the provisions which came into effect on 1 January 2007 which —

¹ As required by section 82(4) of the 1974 Act.

² 1974 c.37. The 1974 Act is currently applied to the Island by SD 2024/0073.

³ AT 1 of 1977.

⁴ Tynwald approval is required under section 82(5) of the 1974 Act.

- (a) form Annexes A and B to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (version applicable as from 1 January 2007); and
- (b) are contained in Annexes A and B to Council Directive 94/55/EC of 21st November 1994 on the approximation of the laws of member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road;

but, to the extent that a reference to ADR is a reference to ADR as it applied for the purposes of CDG 2007 in England, it has the same meaning as it had in the Table in regulation 2 of those Regulations before their revocation;

“CDG 2007” means the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2007⁵ (of Parliament) as those Regulations had effect in England immediately before their revocation;

“class 2 goods” is to be construed in accordance with Subsections 2.1.1.1 and 2.2.2.1.1 of ADR;

“competent person” means a competent individual person (other than an employee) or a competent body of persons corporate or unincorporate; and accordingly, any reference in these Regulations to a competent person performing a function includes a reference to that function being performed through that person’s employees;

“danger” in relation to a pressure system means reasonably foreseeable danger to persons from system failure, but (except in the case of steam) it does not mean danger from the hazardous characteristics of the relevant fluid other than from its pressure;

“the Department” means the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture;

“examination” means a careful and critical scrutiny of a pressure system or part of a pressure system, in or out of service as appropriate, using suitable techniques, including testing where appropriate, to assess —

- (a) its actual condition; and
- (b) whether, for the period up to the next examination, it will not cause danger when properly used if normal maintenance is carried out, and for this purpose “normal maintenance” means such maintenance as it is reasonable to expect the user (in the case of an installed system) or owner (in the case of a mobile system) to ensure is carried out independently of any advice from the competent person making the examination;

“installed system” means a pressure system other than a mobile system;

⁵ S.I. 2007/1753. These Regulations were revoked by S.I 2009/1348.

“maximum allowable pressure” and **“minimum allowable pressure”** mean the maximum pressure and minimum pressure respectively for which a pressure vessel is designed;

“MEGC” means a multi-element gas container (and **“UN MEGC”** means an MEGC) within the meaning of ADR;

“mobile system” means a pressure system which can be readily moved between and used in different locations, but it does not include a pressure system of a locomotive;

“old pressure receptacle” has meaning given by regulation 2(1) of CDG 2007, which applies as if the receptacle were being carried by road;

“owner” in relation to a pressure system means the employer or self-employed person who owns the pressure system or, if that person does not have a place of business in the Island, that person’s agent in the Island or, if there is no such agent, the user;

“pipeline” means a pipe or system of pipes used for the conveyance of relevant fluid across the boundaries of premises, together with any apparatus for inducing or facilitating the flow of relevant fluid through, or through a part of, the pipe or system, and any valves, valve chambers, pumps, compressors and similar works which are annexed to or, incorporated in the course of, the pipe or system;

“pipework” means a pipe or system of pipes together with associated valves, pumps, compressors and other pressure containing components and includes a hose or bellows but does not include a pipeline or any protective devices;

“pressure receptacle” means a cylinder, tube, pressure drum, closed cryogenic receptacle or bundle of cylinders but also includes any permanent fitting to a pressure receptacle;

“pressure system” means —

- (a) a system comprising one or more pressure vessels of rigid construction, any associated pipework and protective devices;
- (b) the pipework with its protective devices to which a pressure receptacle, an old pressure receptacle or transportable pressure equipment is, or is intended to be, connected; or
- (c) a pipeline and its protective devices,

which contains or is liable to contain a relevant fluid, but does not include a pressure receptacle, an old pressure receptacle or transportable pressure equipment;

“protective devices” means devices designed to protect the pressure system against system failure and devices designed to give warning that system failure might occur, and include bursting discs;

“relevant fluid” means —

- (a) steam;
- (b) any fluid or mixture of fluids which is at a pressure greater than 0.5 bar above atmospheric pressure, and which fluid or mixture of fluids is —
 - (i) a gas; or
 - (ii) a liquid which would have a vapour pressure greater than 0.5 bar above atmospheric pressure when in equilibrium with its vapour at either the actual temperature of the liquid or 17.5°C; or
- (c) a gas dissolved under pressure in a solvent contained in a porous substance at ambient temperature and which could be released from the solvent without the application of heat;

“safe operating limits” means the operating limits (incorporating a suitable margin of safety) beyond which system failure is liable to occur;

“scheme of examination” means the written scheme referred to in regulation 10

“system failure” means the unintentional release of stored energy (other than from a pressure relief system) from a pressure system;

“transportable pressure equipment” has the meaning given by regulation 4

“user” in relation to a pressure system, or a vessel to which regulation 17 (precautions to prevent pressurisation of certain vessels) applies, means the employer or self-employed person who has control of the operation of the pressure system or such a vessel or, in the case of a pressure system or such a vessel at or in a quarry within the meaning of regulation 4 of the Quarries (Health and Safety) Regulations 2025⁶ it means the operator for the time being of that quarry.

- (2) Any reference in these Regulations to anything being in writing or written (including any reference to anything being kept in writing) includes a reference to its being in a form —
 - (a) in which it is capable of being reproduced as a written copy when required; and
 - (b) which is secure from loss or unauthorised interference.
- (3) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to a **“Chapter”** or **“Section”** is to be construed, in relation to the carriage of goods by road, as a reference to that Chapter or Section of ADR.
- (4) If a term is defined in ADR but is not defined for the purposes of these Regulations, it bears the meaning as defined in ADR.
- (5) In these Regulations, references to **“UN”** followed by a 4 digit number is a reference to the number devised by the United Nations for the goods in

⁶ SD 2025/0132.

question as a means of identification of the goods and as set out in Table A of Chapter 3.2 and “UN number” is to be construed accordingly.

4 Meaning of “transportable pressure equipment”

SI 2007/1573/2 and drafting (see CDG 2007)

- (1) In the Regulations “**transportable pressure equipment**” means a pressure receptacle, battery-vehicle, battery-wagon, MEGC or UN MEGC which is used or intended to be used for carriage by road or by rail or storage of —
 - (a) class 2 goods;
 - (b) UN 1051 HYDROGEN CYANIDE, STABILIZED;
 - (c) UN 1052 HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, ANHYDROUS; or
 - (d) UN 1790 HYDROFLUORIC ACID with more than 85% hydrogen fluoride.
- (2) It includes any valve or other accessory fitted to the equipment and having a direct safety function and any permanent fitting to the equipment.
- (3) But it does not include —
 - (a) an aerosol dispenser; or
 - (b) a cylinder used to contain class 2 goods and forming a constituent part of breathing apparatus.

5 Application and duties

SI 2000/128/3

- (1) These Regulations apply —
 - (a) in the Island (except the territorial sea); and
 - (b) in the territorial sea as sections 1 to 53 and 80 to 82 of the 1974 Act apply by virtue of articles 8 and 11(1)(a) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Application to the Territorial Sea) Order 2026⁷ save in relation to anything to which articles 5 to 7 of that Order apply.
- (2) Subject to Schedule 1 (which sets out exceptions to the Regulations), these Regulations apply to or in relation to pressure systems which are used or intended to be used at work.
- (3) Any requirement or prohibition imposed by these Regulations on an employer in respect of the activities of his or her employees also extends to a self-employed person in respect of his or her own activities at work.

⁷ SD 2026/xxxx.

- (4) Any requirement or prohibition imposed by these Regulations on a person —
 - (a) who designs, manufactures, imports or supplies any pressure system, or any article which is intended to be a component part of any pressure system, extends only to such a system or article designed, manufactured, imported or supplied in the course of a trade, business or other undertaking carried on by him or her (whether for profit or not);
 - (b) who designs or manufactures such a system or article extends only to matters within his control.
- (5) The provisions of Schedule 2 (which relate to the modification of duties in cases where pressure systems are supplied by way of lease, hire or other arrangements) have effect.

PART 2 — GENERAL

6 Design and construction

SI 2000/128/4

- (1) Any person who designs, manufactures, imports or supplies any pressure system or any article which is intended to be a component part of any pressure system must ensure that paragraphs (2) to (5) are complied with.
- (2) The pressure system or article, as the case may be, must be properly designed and properly constructed from suitable material, so as to prevent danger.
- (3) The pressure system or article, as the case may be, must be so designed and constructed that all necessary examinations for preventing danger can be carried out.
- (4) Where the pressure system has any means of access to its interior, it must be so designed and constructed as to ensure, so far as practicable, that access can be gained without danger.
- (5) The pressure system must be provided with such protective devices as may be necessary for preventing danger; and any such device designed to release contents must do so safely, so far as is practicable.

7 Provision of information and marking

SI 2000/128/5

- (1) Any person who —
 - (a) designs for another any pressure system or any article which is intended to be a component part thereof; or

- (b) supplies (whether as manufacturer, importer or in any other capacity) any pressure system or any such article,
must provide sufficient written information concerning its design, construction, examination, operation and maintenance as may reasonably foreseeably be needed to enable the provisions of these Regulations to be complied with.
- (2) The employer of a person who modifies or repairs any pressure system must provide sufficient written information concerning the modification or repair as may reasonably foreseeably be needed to enable the provisions of these Regulations to be complied with.
- (3) The information referred to in paragraph (1) must —
 - (a) in the case of paragraph (1)(a), be provided with the design;
 - (b) in the case of paragraph (1)(b), be provided with the pressure system or article when it is supplied by that person;
- (c) The information required by paragraph (2) must be provided to the user of the system immediately after the modification or repair.
- (4) Any person who manufactures a pressure vessel must ensure that before it is supplied by him or her the information specified in Schedule 3 is marked on the vessel, or on a plate attached to it, in a visible, legible and indelible form; and no person may import a pressure vessel unless it is so marked.
- (5) A person must not remove from a pressure vessel any mark or plate containing any of the information specified in Schedule 3.
- (6) A person must not falsify any mark on a pressure system, or on a plate attached to it, relating to its design, construction, test or operation.

8 Installation

SI 2000/128/6

The employer of a person who installs a pressure system at work must ensure that nothing about the way in which it is installed gives rise to danger or otherwise impairs the operation of any protective device or inspection facility.

9 Safe operating limits

SI 2000/128/7

- (1) The user of an installed system and owner of a mobile system must not operate the system or allow it to be operated unless the user has established the safe operating limits of that system.
- (2) The owner of a mobile system must, if not also the user of it —
 - (a) supply the user with a written statement specifying the safe operating limits of that system established pursuant to paragraph (1); or

- (b) ensure that the system is legibly and durably marked with such safe operating limits and that the mark is clearly visible.

10 Written scheme of examination

SI 2000/128/8

- (1) The user of an installed system and owner of a mobile system must not operate the system or allow it to be operated unless that person has a written scheme for the periodic examination, by a competent person, of the following parts of the system, that is to say —
 - (a) all protective devices;
 - (b) every pressure vessel and every pipeline in which (in either case) a defect may give rise to danger; and
 - (c) those parts of the pipework in which a defect may give rise to danger, and such parts of the system must be identified in the scheme.
- (2) The user or owner must ensure that —
 - (a) the scheme has been drawn up, or certified as being suitable, by a competent person;
 - (b) the content of the scheme is reviewed at appropriate intervals by a competent person for the purpose of determining whether it is suitable in current conditions of use of the system; and
 - (c) the content of the scheme is modified in accordance with any recommendations made by that competent person arising out of that review.
- (3) In drawing up or certifying a scheme of examination under paragraph (2)(a) a person must ensure that the scheme is suitable and —
 - (a) specifies the nature and frequency of examination;
 - (b) specifies any measures necessary to prepare the pressure system for safe examination other than those it would be reasonable to expect the user (in the case of an installed system) or owner (in the case of a mobile system) to take without specialist advice; and
 - (c) where appropriate, provides for an examination to be carried out before the pressure system is used for the first time.
- (4) References in paragraphs (2) and (3) to the suitability of the scheme are references to its suitability for the purposes of preventing danger from those parts of the pressure system included in the scheme.

11 Examination in accordance with the written scheme

SI 2000/128/9

- (1) Subject to paragraph (7), the user of an installed system and the owner of a mobile system must —

- (a) ensure that those parts of the pressure system included in the scheme of examination are examined by a competent person within the intervals specified in the scheme and, where the scheme so provides, before the system is used for the first time; and
 - (b) before each examination take all appropriate safety measures to prepare the system for examination, including any such measures as are specified in the scheme of examination pursuant to regulation 10(3)(b).
- (2) Where a competent person undertakes an examination for the purposes of paragraph (1) that person must carry out that examination properly and in accordance with the scheme of examination.
- (3) Where a competent person has carried out an examination for the purposes of paragraph (1) that person must, subject to paragraph (4), make a written report of the examination, sign it or add his or her name to it, date it and send it to the user (in the case of an installed system) or owner (in the case of a mobile system); and the said report must be so sent as soon as is practicable after completing the examination (or, in the case of integrated installed systems where the examination is part of a series, as soon as is practicable after completing the last examination in that series), and in any event to arrive —
 - (a) within 28 days of the completion of the examination (or, in the case of integrated installed systems where the examination is part of a series, within 28 days of the completion of the last examination in that series); or
 - (b) before the date specified in the report under paragraph (5)(b), whichever is sooner.
- (4) Where the competent person referred to in paragraph (3) is the user (in the case of an installed system) or owner (in the case of a mobile system) the requirement in that paragraph to send the report to the user or owner does not apply, but the user or owner must make the report by the time it would have been required to have been sent under that paragraph if the user or owner had not been the competent person.
- (5) The report required by paragraph (3) must —
 - (a) state which parts of the pressure system have been examined, the condition of those parts and the results of the examination;
 - (b) specify any repairs or modifications to, or changes in the established safe operating limits of, the parts examined which, in the opinion of the competent person, are necessary to prevent danger or to ensure the continued effective working of the protective devices, and specify the date by which any such repairs or modifications must be completed or any such changes to the safe operating limits must be made;

- (c) specify the date within the limits set by the scheme of examination after which the pressure system may not be operated without a further examination under the scheme of examination; and
 - (d) state whether in the opinion of the competent person the scheme of examination is suitable (for the purpose of preventing danger from those parts of the pressure system included in it) or should be modified, and if the latter state the reasons.
- (6) The user of an installed system and the owner of a mobile system which has been examined under this regulation must ensure that the system is not operated, and no person may supply such a mobile system for operation, after (in each case) —
 - (a) the date specified under paragraph (5)(b), unless the repairs or modifications specified under that paragraph have been completed, and the changes in the established safe operating limits so specified have been made; or
 - (b) the date specified under paragraph (5)(c) (or, if that date has been postponed under paragraph (7), the postponed date) unless a further examination has been carried out under the scheme of examination.
- (7) The date specified in a report under paragraph (5)(c) may be postponed to a later date by agreement in writing between the competent person who made the report and the user (in the case of an installed system) or owner (in the case of a mobile system) if —
 - (a) such postponement does not give rise to danger;
 - (b) only one such postponement is made for any one examination; and
 - (c) such postponement is notified by the user or owner in writing to the Department, before the date specified in the report under paragraph (5)(c).
- (8) Where the competent person referred to in paragraph (7) is the user (in the case of an installed system) or owner (in the case of a mobile system) the reference in that paragraph to an agreement in writing does not apply, but there must be included in the notification under sub-paragraph (c) of that paragraph a declaration that the postponement will not give rise to danger.
- (9) The owner of a mobile system must ensure that the date specified under paragraph (5)(c) is legibly and durably marked on the mobile system and that the mark is clearly visible.

12 Action in case of imminent danger

SI 2000/128/10

- (1) If the competent person carrying out an examination under the scheme of examination is of the opinion that the pressure system or part of the pressure system will give rise to imminent danger unless certain repairs or modifications have been carried out or unless suitable changes to the operating conditions have been made, then without prejudice to the requirements of regulation 11 (examination in accordance with the written scheme), the competent person must immediately make a written report to that effect identifying the system and specifying the repairs, modifications or changes concerned and give it —
 - (a) in the case of an installed system, to the user; or
 - (b) in the case of a mobile system, to the owner and to the user, if any, and the competent person must within 14 days of the completion of the examination send a written report containing the same particulars to the Department.
- (2) Where a report is given in accordance with paragraph (1) to —
 - (a) the user of a pressure system, the user must ensure that the system (or, if the report only affects a discrete part of the system, that part) is not operated;
 - (b) the owner of a mobile system, the owner must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the system (or, if the report only affects a discrete part of the system, that part) is not operated, until the repairs, modifications or changes, as the case may be, have been carried out or made.
- (3) Where the competent person referred to in paragraph (1) the user (in the case of an installed system) or owner (in the case of a mobile system) the requirement in that paragraph to give the report to the user or owner does not apply, and the reference in paragraph (2) to the giving of the report to the user or owner is to be construed as a reference to the making of the report by the user or owner.

13 Operation

SI 2000/128/11

- (1) The user of an installed system and the owner of a mobile system must provide for any person operating the system adequate and suitable instructions for —
 - (a) the safe operation of the system; and
 - (b) the action to be taken in the event of any emergency.
- (2) The user of a pressure system must ensure that it is not operated except in accordance with the instructions provided in respect of that system under paragraph (1)(a).

14 Maintenance

SI 2000/128/12

The user of an installed system and the owner of a mobile system must ensure that the system is properly maintained in good repair, so as to prevent danger.

15 Modification and repair

SI 2000/128/13

The employer of a person who modifies or repairs a pressure system at work must ensure that nothing about the way in which it is modified or repaired gives rise to danger or otherwise impairs the operation of any protective device or inspection facility.

16 Keeping of records, etc.

SI 2000/128/14

- (1) The user of an installed system and the owner of a mobile system must keep —
 - (a) the last report relating to the system made by the competent person pursuant to regulation 11(3);
 - (b) any such previous reports if they contain information which will materially assist in assessing whether —
 - (i) the system is safe to operate; or
 - (ii) any repairs or modifications to the system can be carried out safely;
 - (c) any instructions specified in paragraph 30 of Schedule 2 to the Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (of Parliament)⁸, and which would be required to be provided pursuant to regulation 14 or 24 of those Regulations if the equipment were in England; and
 - (d) any agreement made pursuant to regulation 11(7), and, in a case to which regulation 11(8) applies, a copy of the notification referred to in regulation 11(7)(c), until a further examination has been carried out since that agreement or notification under the scheme of examination.
- (2) Anything required to be kept by this regulation must be kept —
 - (a) in the case of an installed system, at the premises where the system is installed, or at other premises approved for the purposes of this sub-paragraph by the Department;
 - (b) in the case of a mobile system, at the premises in the Island from which the deployment of the system is controlled;

⁸ S.I.2016/1105

- (c) in a case to which regulation 3(2) (which provides for written records) applies, by means so that it is capable of being reproduced as required by regulation 3(2)(a) at the premises referred to in sub-paragraph or (b) as appropriate.
- (3) Where the user or owner of a pressure system or part thereof changes, the previous user or owner must as soon as is practicable give to the new user or owner in writing anything (relating to the system or part thereof, as the case may be) kept by the previous user or owner under this regulation.

17 Precautions to prevent pressurisation of certain vessels

SI 2000/128/15

- (1) Paragraph (2) applies to a vessel —
 - (a) which is constructed with a permanent outlet to the atmosphere or to a space where the pressure does not exceed atmospheric pressure; and
 - (b) which could become a pressure vessel if that outlet were obstructed.
- (2) The user of a vessel to which this paragraph applies must ensure that the outlet referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) is at all times kept open and free from obstruction when the vessel is in use.

PART 3 — MISCELLANEOUS

18 Defence

SI 2000/128/16

- (1) In any proceedings for an offence for a contravention of any of the provisions of these Regulations it is, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a defence for the person charged to prove —
 - (a) that the commission of the offence was due to the act or default of another person not being one of his or her employees (hereinafter called “the other person”); and
 - (b) that the person charged took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence.
- (2) The person charged may not, without the leave of the court, be entitled to rely on the defence referred to in paragraph (1) unless, within a period ending 7 clear days before the person charged has served on the prosecutor a notice in writing giving such information identifying or assisting in the identification of the other person as was then in his or her possession.

- (3) Where a contravention of these Regulations by any person is due to the act or default of the other person, that other person is guilty of the offence which would, but for any defence under this regulation available to the first-mentioned person, be constituted by the act or default.

19 Power to grant exemptions

SI 2000/128/17

- (1) The Department may, by a certificate in writing, exempt any person or class of persons or any type or class of pressure system from the application of any of the requirements or prohibitions imposed by these Regulations, and any such exemption may be granted subject to conditions and to a limit of time, and may be revoked by a certificate in writing at any time.
- (2) But the Department may not grant any such exemption unless it is satisfied that the health and safety of persons who are likely to be affected by the exemption will not be prejudiced in consequence of it, having regard to the circumstances, and in particular to —
- (a) the conditions, if any, which it proposes to attach to the exemption; and
 - (b) any other requirement imposed by or under any enactment which apply to the case.

20 Repeal

The Boiler Act 1934⁹ is repealed.

MADE

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Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture

⁹ AT 2 of 1934.

SCHEDULE 1**EXCLUSIONS**

Regulation 5(2)

SI 2000/128/Schedule 1

**PART 1 — PRESSURE SYSTEMS EXCEPTED FROM ALL
REGULATIONS**

These Regulations do not apply in the case of the pressure systems listed in the following paragraphs.

1. A pressure system which forms part of the equipment of —
 - (a) a vessel used in navigation;
 - (b) a spacecraft, aircraft, hovercraft or hydrofoil.
2. A pressure system which forms part of, or is intended to form part of, a weapons system.
3. A pressure system which forms part of any braking, control or suspension system of a wheeled, tracked or rail mounted vehicle.
4. That part of a system which is only a pressure system because it is —
 - (a) subject to a leak test (except that this sub-paragraph does not apply to a pipeline);
 - (b) pressurised unintentionally, such pressurisation being not reasonably foreseeable; or
 - (c) a pipeline pressurised by a relevant fluid solely as part of a test or line clearance operation, but this exception does not apply if the pipeline —
 - (i) is used for the conveyance of a relevant fluid; or
 - (ii) is pressurised beyond its safe operating limits.
5. Any pipeline and its protective devices in which the pressure does not exceed 2 bar above atmospheric pressure (or 2.7 bar above atmospheric pressure if the normal pressure does not exceed 2 bar and the overpressure is caused solely by the operation of a protective device).
6. Any pressure system or part thereof which —
 - (a) is the subject of a research experiment; or
 - (b) comprises temporary apparatus being used in a research experiment,

if, in the case of regulations 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16, it is not reasonably practicable to comply with them.

7. Any plant or equipment required by regulation 7(3)(b) of the Diving at Work Regulations 2002¹⁰ and used or intended to be used in the course of a diving project to which those Regulations apply.
8. A working chamber, tunnel, manlock or an airlock within which persons work in compressed air, being work to which the Work in Compressed Air Regulations 1996¹⁰ (of Parliament) would apply if that work was carried out in England.
9. A tank or an old tank.

Here “old tank” means —

- (a) a tank;
 - (b) pressure receptacles forming elements of a battery-vehicle or battery-wagon; or
 - (c) pressure receptacles forming elements of a MEGC or UN MEGC which has a total volume of 1,000 litres or more,
used for the carriage of a liquid, gaseous, powdery or granular material and constructed on or before 9th May 2004.
11. Any pressure system being carried in a vehicle if the vehicle is registered outside the British Islands United Kingdom and the carriage is confined to Great Britain but nevertheless conforms with the provisions of the ADR as revised or re-issued from time to time.
12. Any pressure system being carried in a vehicle if the vehicle —
 - (a) is engaged in an international transport operation within the meaning of the ADR;
 - (b) complies with the conditions contained in Annexes A and B to the ADR; and
 - (c) is certified in accordance with the ADR as complying with those provisions.

or if the vehicle is engaged in a transport operation subject to a special bilateral or multilateral agreement to which Article 4 of the ADR refers and to which the United Kingdom is a Contracting Party.

13. Any pressure system being carried in a vehicle if the vehicle is —
 - (a) engaged in an international transport operation within the meaning of Article 1(c) of ADR; and

¹⁰ SI 1996/1656.

- (b) under the control of or owned by the armed forces within the meaning of CDG 2007,

where the armed forces are those of a country which is a contracting party to ADR.

14. Any pressure system which is carried, or stored as goods in transit, as part of an international transport operation, if it complies with the appropriate provisions of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code issued by the International Maritime Organisation as revised or re-issued from time to time.
15. Any pressure system comprising a gas propulsion or a gas fired heating, cooking, ventilating or refrigerating system fitted to a motor vehicle or trailer (both within the meaning of section 65(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1985).
16. Any water cooling system on an internal combustion engine or on a compressor.
17. Any tyre used or intended to be used on a vehicle.
18. Any vapour compression refrigeration system incorporating compressor drive motors, including standby compressor motors, having a total installed power not exceeding 25 kW.
19. A mobile system of the type known as a slurry tanker, and containing or intended to contain agricultural slurry, and used in agriculture.
20. Prime movers including turbines.
21. Any pressure system which is an electrical or telecommunications cable.
22. Any pressure system containing sulphur hexafluoride gas and forming an integral part of high voltage electrical apparatus.
23. Any pressure system consisting of a water filled fluid coupling and used in power transmission.
24. Any portable fire extinguisher with a working pressure below 25 bar at 60°C and having a total mass not exceeding 23 kilograms.
25. Any part of a tool or appliance designed to be held in the hand which is a pressure vessel.

PART 2 — PRESSURE SYSTEMS EXCEPTED FROM CERTAIN REGULATIONS

1. Regulations 6 (design and construction) and 7(1) and (4) (provision of information and marking) do not apply to —
 - (a) pressure systems to which the Medical Devices Regulations 2002 (of Parliament)¹¹ would apply at the relevant time if those Regulations applied to the Island as they apply in England, other than those which contain or are liable to contain steam; or
 - (b) pressure equipment or assemblies to which regulation 6, 7 or 8 of the Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (of Parliament)¹² would apply at the relevant time if those Regulations applied to the Island as they apply in England but subject to the modification in paragraph 2.
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1(b) the Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 have effect subject to the omission of regulation 8(3).
3. Regulations 7(4), 10 to 12 and 16 of these Regulations do not apply to a pressure system containing a relevant fluid (other than steam) if the product of the pressure in bar and internal volume in litres of its pressure vessels is in each case less than 250 bar litres.
4. Regulations 6, 7, 9 to 12, 14 and 16 of these Regulations do not apply to a tank container if —
 - (a) it is intended to be used in the carriage of dangerous goods by road to which CDG 2007 apply, or would apply but for an exception specified in regulation 35 of those Regulations and is present solely for the purpose of being loaded with the goods to be carried; or
 - (b) it has been used in such carriage, has been temporarily removed from a vehicle and is present solely for the purpose of unloading the goods from it.

¹¹ S.I. 2002/618, relevantly amended by S.I. 2003/1697, 2007/400, 2008/2936, 2013/2327, 2019/791 and 905, 2020/478, 2020 c. 29, S.I. 2021/873 and 905, 2023/627, 2024/221 and 2025/591.

¹² S.I. 2016/1105, relevantly amended by S.I. 2019/696 and 2020/676.

SCHEDULE 2**MODIFICATION OF DUTIES IN CASES WHERE PRESSURE SYSTEMS ARE SUPPLIED BY WAY OF LEASE, HIRE, OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS**

Regulation 5(5)

SI 2000/128/Schedule 2

1 Duties where installer of pressure system supplied by way of lease or hire agrees to discharge user's duties

- (1) This paragraph applies where a person supplies an installed system by way of lease or hire, and agrees in writing to be responsible for discharging the duties of the user under all the provisions of regulations 10(1) and (2) (written scheme of examination), 11(1) (examination in accordance with the written scheme), 13(1) (operation), 14 (maintenance) and 16 (keeping of records, etc.).
- (2) During such time as the agreement is in force the supplier must discharge the duties of the user under the said provisions.
- (3) It is a defence in any proceedings against the user of an installed system —
 - (a) for an offence for a contravention of any of the said provisions; or
 - (b) in any civil proceedings for breach of duty (mentioned in section 47(2) of the 1974 Act) imposed by any such provisions,for that person to prove that the supplier had agreed in writing to be responsible for discharging the user's duty at the relevant time.
- (4) During such time as the agreement is in force the following provisions of this paragraph have effect.
- (5) Where the competent person who is to carry out the examination under the scheme of examination is a person other than the supplier, the supplier must notify the competent person that any reports required to be sent or given to the user under regulation 11(3) or 12(1) (action in case of imminent danger) are to be sent or given to the supplier as well.
- (6) On being so notified under sub-paragraph (5), the competent person must comply with regulations 11(3) and 12(1) as if the reference in those provisions to sending or giving a report to the user also included a reference to sending or giving a report to the supplier.
- (7) On receipt of a report from a competent person under regulation 11(3) or 12(1) (or in the case where the supplier is also the competent person, on the making by the competent person of that report) the supplier must take all practicable steps to ensure that the pressure system will not be operated in contravention of regulation 11(6) or 12(2), as the case may be.

- (8) The references in regulation 11(7) (in both places where it appears) and 11(8) to the user are to be read as references to the supplier.
- (9) The reference in regulation 16(2)(a) to the premises where the system is installed is to be read as reference to the premises in the Island where the leasing or hiring out of the system is controlled; except that this modification does not apply to the application of that sub-paragraph to regulation 16(6)(a) if the competent person is using the procedure referred to in regulation 16(4) in relation to the sending of the report to the user.

2 Finance provider not to be regarded as supplier

Where a person (“S”) supplies a pressure system to another (“the customer”) under a hire-purchase agreement, conditional sale agreement, or lease, and —

- (a) S carries on the business of financing the acquisition of goods by others by means of such agreements, or, if financing by means of leases, the use of goods by others;
- (b) in the course of that business S acquired S’s interest in the pressure system supplied to the customer as a means of financing its acquisition by that customer (or, in the case of a lease, its provision to that customer); and
- (c) in the case of a lease S or S’s agent either has not had physical possession of that pressure system, or has had physical possession of it only for the purpose of passing it on to the customer,

the customer and not S is to be treated for the purpose of these Regulations as the owner of the pressure system, and duties placed on owners in these Regulations accordingly fall on the customer and not on S.

3 Application of leasing rules

Section 6(9) of the 1974 Act applies to these Regulations as it applies to the remainder of section 6 of that Act.

SCHEDULE 3**MARKING OF PRESSURE VESSELS**

Regulation 7(5) and (6)

SI 2000/128/Schedule 3

1. The information referred to in regulation 7(5) is that listed in the paragraphs below.
2. The manufacturer's name.
3. A serial number to identify the vessel.
4. The date of manufacture of the vessel.
5. The standard to which the vessel was built.
6. The maximum allowable pressure of the vessel.
7. The minimum allowable pressure of the vessel where it is other than atmospheric.
8. The design temperature.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision to secure the safety of pressure vessels.

Part 1, comprising *regulations 1 to 5* deals with the title, commencement and interpretation and application of the Regulations. *Regulation 3* must be read with *Schedules 1 and 2*. *Schedule 1* deals with pressure systems which are excepted from the Regulations, Part 1 deals with general exceptions and Part 2 with those systems which are provided on lease or hire purchase. *Schedule 2* makes further provision about duties where equipment is leased. *Regulation 4* deals with the concept of transportable pressure equipment.

Part 2, comprising regulations 6 to 17, contains the main provisions of the Regulations.

Regulation 6 deals with the design and construction of pressure system and its components.

Regulation 7 and Schedule 3 make provision about information which must be supplied with equipment to which the Regulations apply.

Regulation 8 imposes requirements in relation to the installation of equipment to which the Regulations apply.

Regulation 9 makes provision about safe operating limits for pressure systems.

Regulation 10 imposes obligations about maintaining a written scheme for the examination of pressure systems, and regulation 11 imposes obligations to secure that systems are examined in accordance with the relevant scheme.

Regulation 12 makes provision about action to be taken in cases of imminent danger,

Regulation 13 imposes duties to ensure that anyone operating a system is adequately instructed in the operation of the system, and regulation 14 imposes a duty to prevent danger.

Regulation 15 imposes duties in relation to the modification and repair of a pressure system.

Regulation 16 imposes record-keeping duties in relation to a pressure system.

Regulation 17 imposes a duty to keep unobstructed any outlet on a system which, were it obstructed, would cause equipment to be a pressure system.

Part 3 contains two miscellaneous provisions.

Regulation 18 provides a defence in criminal proceedings for a person to serve notice on a third party whom the original defendant asserts is responsible for the act or default giving rise to the alleged offence.

Regulation 19 gives the Department power to grant exemptions from the Regulations.

Regulation 20 repeals the Boiler Act 1934.

Consultation