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County Borough of Southampton.

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WITH RESPECT TO

Means of Escape in case of Fire in
certain Factories and Workshops.

R. R. LINTHORNE,

Town Clerk.

*Made apparently under
Factory & Workshop Act 1901. By clause
therein saved by Factories Act 1937
S. 159 (1) proviso. SCRA 50*

refers Factories Act and clause under the proviso

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made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southampton acting by the Council with respect to the provision of Means of Escape in case of fire in certain factories and workshops in the Borough of Southampton.

1. Throughout these bye-laws the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereinafter respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

“Council” means the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southampton, acting by the Council :

“Appointed day” means the date of the confirmation of these bye-laws :

“Fire-resisting material” means

- (1.) Brickwork constructed of good bricks well burnt, hard and sound, properly bonded and solidly put together ;
- (2.) Stone, cement concrete and other hard and incombustible material suitable for building purposes by reason of its solidity and durability ;
- (3.) Iron, steel and copper ;

(4.) Oak and teak and other hard timber, and timber specially treated so as to render it non-inflammable.

2. These bye-laws shall not apply to any factory or workshop in which more than forty persons are employed.

3.—(1.) Every building of more than one storey which or any part of which is used as a factory or workshop shall be provided with adequate stairs or steps, permanently fixed, which shall be constructed so as to be adequately lighted by natural or artificial means, and so as to afford as direct and unimpeded access as practicable from every part of the factory or workshop to the ground floor of the building, and where practicable to an open space on the outside of the building or a public thoroughfare.

All such stairs or steps shall be directly connected with landings, corridors, lobbies or passages giving access to every part of the factory or workshop, and shall be provided with a suitable and sufficient handrail.

Provided always that for a period of twelve months after the appointed day the foregoing requirements of this bye-law shall not be deemed to apply in the case of a building used as a factory or workshop prior to the appointed day.

(2.) In the case of any building constructed for use as a factory or workshop after the appointed day, and in the case of any building constructed for use otherwise than as a factory or workshop in which alterations affecting the form and structure of the premises are made after the appointed day for the purpose of converting the building for use as a factory or workshop, all stairs or steps required to be provided in pursuance of this bye-law shall, together with the supports thereto, be of fire-resisting materials.

(3.) The foregoing requirements shall not apply in the case of a building of which the ground floor only is used as a factory or workshop.

4. Every building to which the foregoing bye-law applies, any floor or floors of which being more than thirty feet from the ground, is or are used for factory or workshop purposes, and in which either more than ten persons are employed or readily inflammable materials or explosives are stored or used, shall, for every such floor, in addition to the stairs or steps required by these bye-laws, be provided with means of escape in case of fire, by

- (i.) An external staircase constructed of fire-resisting material ; or
- (ii.) An efficient and suitable fire escape ; or
- (iii.) Ready and safe means of access to the roof of the building, and where practicable to the roof of any adjoining building.

5.—(1.) Every factory or workshop shall in every room in which persons are habitually employed be provided with at least one window or other means of exit from the building situated at an adequate and suitable distance from the doorway of such room and where practicable at not less distance than half the length of such room. Such window or means of exit shall be constructed so as to open easily and to a sufficient extent, and in a suitable position for the easy passage of any person employed in the factory or workshop, and where in any such room there is any window or means of exit from the building not so constructed, the window or windows or means of exit that are so constructed shall be distinctively marked for the information of the persons employed.

Provided that the above requirements shall not apply to any room on the ground floor of a building if from such room there is direct and unimpeded access to an open space on the outside of the building or a public thoroughfare, and if in such room no readily inflammable materials or explosives are at any time stored or used.

(2.) Every window or door or other means giving access to any external staircase or any fire-escape or means of access to the roof, shall be distinctively marked for the information of the persons employed.

6. Every person who after the appointed day erects a new building for use as a factory or workshop shall, in and about the erection of the building, and in and about any works connected with the adaptation or fitting of the building for use as a factory or workshop, comply with every requirement of these bye-laws which applies to a building of the like description.

7. The owner of a building which on or after the appointed day is used as a factory or workshop shall execute all such works and do all such things as are necessary to bring the factory or workshop into a condition satisfying all such requirements of these bye-laws as apply to a factory or workshop of the like description.

Provided that nothing in or done under these bye-laws shall deprive the owner of the benefit of any covenant or condition in a lease or in any other contract of tenancy to which the occupier of any such building is a party, or otherwise prevent the owner from enforcing any right to recover from the occupier or any other person any expenses consequent upon compliance with the bye-laws.

8. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing bye-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of forty shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from the Council.

Provided nevertheless that the Court of Summary Jurisdiction before whom any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if the Court think fit, adjudge the payment of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this bye-law.

The Corporate Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southampton was affixed hereto by order of the Council, the Twentieth day of June, 1917, in the presence of

(Signed) F. J. SMITH,
Mayor.

(Signed) R. R. LINTHORNE,
Town Clerk.

The foregoing Bylaws with respect to the provision of Means of Escape in case of Fire in certain Factories and Workshops are hereby allowed by the Local Government Board this Seventh day of August, 1917.

(Signed) H. C. MONRO,
Secretary.

Acting on behalf of the said Board, under the authority of their General Order, dated the Twenty-sixth day of May, 1877.

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