

Statutory Instrument No. 47 of 1974

FACTORIES ACT, 1973
(31 of 1973)

FACTORIES (FIRST-AID EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS, 1974

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ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation
2. Provision of first-aid box or cupboard
Schedule

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 55 (1) of the Factories Act, 1973, the Minister of Health, Labour and Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations –

Citation	1. These Regulations may be cited as the Factories (First-Aid Equipment) Regulations, 1974.
Provision of first aid box or cupboard	2. The first aid-box or cupboard required by section 49 (1) of the Act to be provided in every factory shall be equipped in the manner provided in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

1. For factories in which the number of persons employed does not exceed ten –
Each first-aid box or cupboard shall contain as a minimum the following items:
 - (i) Not less than six small sterilized dressings for use on injured fingers.
 - (ii) Not less than six medium sized sterilized dressings for use on injured hands or feet.
 - (iii) Not less than six large sterilized dressings for use on other injured parts.
 - (iv) Not less than six sterilized burn dressings (large and small).
 - (v) A one per cent aqueous solution of gentian violet or other anti-septic.
 - (vi) A bottle of sal volatile having the dosage and method of administration clearly indicated on the label.
 - (vii) A supply of castor oil or eye drops, if there is a particular hazard to the eyes.
 - (viii) Three roller bandages.
 - (ix) A copy of the first-aid leaflet LDF Form 43 issued by the Labour Department.
2. For factories in which the number of persons employed exceeds ten but does not exceed fifty –
Each first-aid box or cupboard shall contain as a minimum the following items –

- (i) Not less than twelve small sterilized dressings for use on injured fingers.
 - (ii) Not less than twelve medium sized sterilized dressings for use on injured hands or feet.
 - (iii) Not less than twelve large sterilized dressings for use on other injured parts.
 - (iv) Not less than twelve sterilized burn dressings (large and small).
 - (v) A supply of sterilized cotton wool in packets of fifteen grammes.
 - (vi) A one per cent aqueous solution of gentian violet or other antiseptic.
 - (vii) A bottle of sal volatile having the dosage and method of administration clearly indicated on the label.
 - (viii) Castor oil or other eye drops in adequate quantity.
 - (ix) Six roller bandages.
 - (x) A copy of the first-aid leaflet LDF Form 43 issued by the Labour Department.
3. For factories employing more than fifty persons –
- Each first-aid box or cupboard shall contain as a minimum the following items:
- (i) Not less than twenty-four small sterilized dressings for use on injured fingers.
 - (ii) Not less than twenty-four medium sized sterilized dressings for use on injured hands or feet.
 - (iii) Not less than twenty-four large sterilized dressings for use on other injured parts.
 - (iv) Not less than eighteen sterilized burn dressings (large and small).
 - (v) A supply of sterilized cotton wool in packets of 100 grammes.
 - (vi) A one per cent aqueous solution of gentian violet or other antiseptic.
 - (vii) A bottle of sal volatile having the dosage and method of administration clearly indicated on the label.
 - (viii) A supply of castor oil or other eye drops.
 - (ix) A tourniquet.
 - (x) A supply of adhesive plaster.
 - (xi) A supply of splints and cotton wool or other material suitable for padding.
 - (xii) Twelve roller bandages.
 - (xiii) Twelve triangular bandages.
 - (xiv) A supply of safety pins in assorted sizes.
 - (xv) A pair of scissors, one hundred and twenty-five millimetres long.
 - (xvi) A pair of "dressing" forceps.
 - (xvii) A copy of the first aid leaflet LDF Form 43 issued by the Labour Department.

4. All materials for dressings contained in a first-aid box or cupboard shall be those designated in or of a grade or quality not lower than the standards prescribed by the British Pharmaceutical Codex or any supplements thereto.
5. Each first-aid box or cupboard shall be painted white, both internally and externally, shall be maintained in a clean state and shall be plainly marked "First-Aid".

MADE this sixth day of March, 1974.

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