

CHANGES TO PRESCRIBED DISEASES B15 AND D6

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 This memo gives guidance on changes to PDs B15 and D6 introduced by the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SS (II) (PD) Amdt Regs 18) (SI 2018 No. 769). The changes are introduced following recommendations of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council and take effect on 28.9.18¹.

1 SS (II) (PD) Amdt Regs 18, reg 1(1)

PRESCRIBED DISEASE B15

- 2 The prescription for PD B15 is changed so that it will apply to a person in **any** occupation (not just healthcare workers) involving contact with products made with natural rubber latex¹. In addition to healthcare workers, people who might wear latex gloves include
1. police officers
 2. vehicle mechanics
 3. hairdressers **and**
 4. workers from the food industry.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

1 SS (II) (PD) Regs, Sch 1

- 3 Apart from latex gloves, there can be natural rubber latex allergy arising from occupational contact with non-glove latex products, such as in the manufacture of
1. rubber bands **or**
 2. toy dolls **or**
 3. elastic textiles.
- 4 DMs should note that where a person has contracted PD B15 there is a presumption¹, unless the contrary is proved, that the PD is due to the employed earner's employment if the person who has contracted the PD
1. was employed in a prescribed occupation² **and**
 2. was so employed on, or at any time within one month immediately preceding, the date of onset of the disease³.

1 SS (II) (PD) Regs, reg 4(1); 2 reg 4(1)(a) & Sch 1, Part 1; 3 reg 4(1)(b)

PRESCRIBED DISEASE D6

- 5 The prescription for PD D6 is changed so that
1. occupation (a) is attendance for work at a workplace where wooden goods or products made wholly or partially of wood are manufactured or repaired **and**
 2. exposure to wood dust in the course of the machine processing of wood is added as occupation (d)¹.

1 SS (II) (PD) Regs, Sch 1

- 6 For the purposes of paragraph 5 1. above, a workplace is not restricted to within a building because, for example, highly mechanised operations can generate high local exposures to wood dust in outdoor environments. The prescription therefore includes outdoor work, such as on a building site.
- 7 For the purposes of paragraph 5 2. above, "in the course of" means simply and only whilst performing the occupation; i.e. performing the machine processing of wood.

REDUCED EARNINGS ALLOWANCE

- 8 The changes to PD B15 and PD D6 are an extension to the list of prescribed diseases or occupations. Therefore, there is no entitlement to REA in respect of those changes as the extensions were after 10.10.94¹.

1 SS (II) (PD) Regs, reg 14A

ANNOTATIONS

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