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I, PHIL HOGAN, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 3 and 18 of the Building Control Act 1990 (No. 3 of 1990), hereby make the following regulations:

Citation

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Building Regulations (Part J Amendment) Regulations 2014.

(2) The Building Regulations 1997 to 2013 and these Regulations may be cited together as the Building Regulations 1997 to 2014 and shall be construed together as one.

Commencement

2. These Regulations come into operation on 1 September 2014.

Application

3. These Regulations shall apply to works, or a building as regards which a material alteration or material change of use takes place, where the relevant works, material alteration or the change of use commence or take place, as the case may be, on or after 1 September 2014.

Amendment to the Building Regulations 1997 to 2013

4. The Building Regulations 1997 to 2013 are amended by substituting for Part J of the Second Schedule the following:—

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 18th March, 2014.*

“PART J

HEAT PRODUCING APPLIANCES

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| Air supply. | J1 | A heat producing appliance shall be so installed that there is an adequate supply of air to it for combustion, to prevent overheating and for the efficient working of any flue pipe or chimney serving the appliance. |
| Discharge of products of combustion. | J2(a) | A heat producing appliance shall have adequate provision for the discharge of the products of combustion to the outside air. |
| Warning of release of Carbon Monoxide. | J2(b) | Reasonable provision shall be made to avoid danger to the health and safety of the occupants of a dwelling caused by the release of carbon monoxide from heat producing appliances. |
| Protection of building. | J3 | A heat producing appliance and any flue pipe shall be so designed and installed, and any fireplace and any chimney shall be so designed and constructed, as to reduce to a reasonable level the risk of the building catching fire in consequence of its use. |
| Provision of information. | J4(a) | Where a hearth, fireplace, flue or chimney is provided or extended, a durable notice containing information on the type of heat producing appliance which can be safely served by the hearth, fireplace, flue or chimney shall be affixed in a suitable place in the building. |
| | J4(b) | Information on the system installed and any continuing maintenance required, to ensure its safe and effective operation and avoid risk to health, shall be provided to the owner. |
| Fuel storage system — protection against spread of fire to the system. | J5 | A fixed fuel storage system, which serves a heat producing appliance, and any associated pipework carrying fuel to that appliance, shall be so located as to reduce to a reasonable level the risk of fuel ignition due to fire spreading from the building being served or an adjacent building or premises. |
| Liquid fuel storage system — protection against pollution by the system. | J6 | A fixed liquid fuel storage tank, which serves a heat producing appliance, and the pipes connecting it to that appliance shall be so located, constructed and protected as to reduce to a reasonable level the risk of the fuel escaping and causing pollution. |
| Definitions. | J7 | In this Part, “heat producing appliance” means a fixed appliance (including a cooker and an open fire) which is designed to burn solid fuel, oil, bio-fuel or gas and includes an incinerator.”. |



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
12 March 2014.

PHIL HOGAN,
Minister for the Environment, Community and Local
Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

These Regulations amend Part J (Heating Producing Appliances) of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 497 of 1997) in order to:—

1. provide for the detection and warning of carbon monoxide in dwellings;
2. require a notice giving information on the type of appliance suitable for the hearth, fireplace, flue or chimney;
3. require information to be provided to the owner on the system installed and any continuing maintenance required to ensure its safe and effective operation and avoid risk to health; and
4. protect against pollution from liquid fuel storage.

The Technical Guidance Document relating to Part J has taken the opportunity to update the standards and incorporate guidance on the storage of other fuels as well as oil.

These Regulations apply to works and buildings commencing on or after 1 September 2014.

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