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Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Amendment of
Second Schedule) Order 1999

(Made under section 35 of the Employees' Compensation
Ordinance (Cap. 282))

1. Occupational diseases

The Second Schedule to the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282) is amended---

(a) in item A8, in column 2, by adding "(including elbow)" after "forearm";

(b) by adding---

"A9 Carpal tunnel Any occupation involving 1 year. ";

syndrome repetitive use of hand-

held powered tools

whose internal parts

vibrate so as to transmit

that vibration to the

hand, but excluding

those which are solely

powered by hand.

(c) by adding---

"B10 Legionnaires' Any occupation involving 1 month. ";

disease the repair, maintenance

or service of---

(a) cooling systems

that use fresh

water; or

(b) hot water service

systems.

(d) in item D5, in column 3, by adding---

"(i) any other sensitising agent inhaled at work. "

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Explanatory Note

The Second Schedule to the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282) specifies a list of occupational diseases in respect of which compensation is payable under the Ordinance together with details of the nature of the trade, industry or process

associated with those diseases, plus the prescribed period of employment for the purposes of compensation.

2. This Order specifies a further 2 occupational diseases which experience has shown may occur in Hong Kong.

3. This Order also---

(a) expands the coverage of the occupational disease of traumatic inflammation of the tendons of the hand or forearm, or of the associated tendon sheaths to include the elbow; and

(b) adds "any other sensitising agent inhaled at work" to the list of agents which may irritate or sensitise the respiratory system for occupational asthma.