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Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 1999  
(Made under section 43 of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509))

1. Notifiable occupational diseases

Schedule 2 to the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509) is amended---

(a) in item 8, in column 2, by adding "(including elbow)" after "forearm";

(b) in item 44, in column 3, by adding---

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

(c) by adding---

"48. Carpal tunnel Any occupation involving 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.

49. Legionnaires' Any occupation involving the disease repair, maintenance or service of---

(a) cooling systems that use fresh water; or

(b) hot water service systems."

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Explanatory Note

Schedule 2 to the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509) specifies a list of occupational diseases in respect of which medical practitioners must notify the Commissioner for Labour for the purposes of the Ordinance.

2. This Order specifies a further 2 notifiable 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.