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Decree no. 2699, issuing regulations under Act no. 11,317 to regulate the employment of women and children¹. Dated 28th May, 1925.

1. In addition to the industries and occupations specified in sections 10 and 11 of Act no. 11,317,¹ the following shall be deemed to be dangerous or unhealthy industries or occupations within the meaning of section 9 of the Act, in which young persons under the age of eighteen years and women must not be employed:—

1. refining and distillation of petroleum or other hydrocarbons used for lighting and heating;
2. manufacture of oil varnishes;
3. manufacture of carbon bisulphide;
4. manufacture of sulphuric and acetic ether;
5. manufacture of collodion and its derivatives;
6. manufacture of waterproof cloth;
7. manufacture of sulphuric acid;
8. refining of precious metals (gold and silver);
9. manufacture of aniline dyes;
10. manufacture of picric acid;
11. manufacture of oxalic acid;
12. manufacture of salicylic acid;
13. manufacture of murexide or purpurate of ammonium;
14. manufacture of chlorine;
15. manufacture of chloride of lime or hypochloride of lime;
16. manufacture of nitric or azotic acid;
17. manufacture of chromates;
18. manufacture, smelting and rolling of lead and manufacture of litharge, red lead, massicot, white lead and oxide of lead;
19. manufacture of zinc white;
20. manufacture of copper and pulverisation of copper ore and the treatment thereof with acids;
21. gilding and silver-plating;
22. manufacture of arsenic compounds;
23. manufacture of sodium salts (sulphuric acid process);
24. manufacture of potassium cyanide and its salts;
25. manufacture of potassium and its salts;
26. manufacture of celluloid;
27. distillation of tar products (paraffin, creosote, carbolic acid, benzene, naphtha for commercial purposes);

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28. manufacture of fireworks;
29. manufacture of explosives;
30. typefoundrying;
31. collecting of bones and rags;
32. carding processes in textile factories.

2. Additions may be made to the above schedule at the request of the National Department of Public Health if new industrial processes are introduced which must be classified as unhealthy. Total or partial exemption from the above prohibitions may be granted on the application of the manufacturers, subject to the approval of the National Department of Public Health, in cases where it is shown that the introduction of new manufacturing processes or the adoption of preventive measures has caused the industry to cease to be dangerous or unhealthy.

3. For the purposes of section 15 of the Act a suitable nursery shall be provided for children under the age of two years, in which such children shall be cared for while their mothers are at work, in all establishments in which not less than fifty women over the age of eighteen years are employed.

4. The register of young persons referred to in section 16 of the Act shall contain the following data: serial number, name in full, age, nationality, sex, occupation, dates of entering and leaving establishment, wages, address, name of the parents or guardians, and reference to the certificates required under the same section. The register of young persons shall be signed by the President of the National Labour Department and periodically countersigned by the inspectors, who shall note therein the relevant orders or remarks.

5. At the request of any party concerned, the President of the National Labour Department shall direct the inspectors to submit reports on matters relating to the provisions contained in sections 1, 12, 13 and 14 of the Act. A copy of these reports shall be transmitted to the persons concerned in order that they may have an opportunity of replying. The request may be made by word of mouth.

6. The National Department of Public Health shall issue the medical certificates referred to in the relevant sections of the Act.

7. This Decree shall apply to the capital of the Republic and shall come into operation thirty days after its publication.

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