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#### 1. Objective

The objective of these Regulations is to prescribe the information to be included in entry permits issued by the Magistrates' Court under Part 8 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**.

#### 2. Authorising provision

These Regulations are made under section 158 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**.

#### 3. Commencement

These Regulations come into operation on 1 July 2005.

#### 4. Information to be included on entry permits

For the purposes of section 83(4) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, the following information is prescribed—

- (a) the name of the authorised representative;
- (b) the name of the registered employee organisation, or the relevant branch of the organisation, of which the authorised representative is a permanent employee or officer;
- (c) the address of the registered employee organisation or relevant branch of the organisation;

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	<ul><li>(d) a passport sized photograph (no more than 6 months old) of the authorised representative;</li></ul>	
	(e) the date of issue of the entry permit;	
	(f) a unique number that identifies the entry permit;	
	(g) a statement to the following effect—	
	"While this entry permit is in force, Part 8 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 entitles the person named in the permit to enter a workplace during working hours to enquire into a suspected contravention of that Act or any regulations made under it. On entry, the person named in this permit may exercise all of the powers given to an authorised representative by Part 8 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, including powers to inspect any thing at the workplace, to observe work and to consult with certain employees and the employer.	
	The entry permit remains in force for 3 years from the date of this entry permit unless, before the end of that period, it is revoked or the person named in the entry permit ceases to be a permanent employee or officer of the registered employee organisation named in the entry permit or the organisation ceases to be a registered employee organisation, whichever occurs first. An entry permit which expires or is revoked	
	must be returned to a registrar or deputy registrar of the Magistrates' Court within 14 days.	

## Offences relating to authorised representatives

It is an offence for the person named on this permit to—

- (a) intentionally and unreasonably hinder or obstruct any employer or employee; or
- (b) intentionally intimidate or threaten any employer or employee; or
- (c) intentionally use or disclose, for a purpose not reasonably connected with the exercise of a power under Part 8 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, information that was acquired from any employer or employee; or
- (d) intentionally exercise or purport to exercise a power under Part 8 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 other than for the purpose of enquiring into a suspected contravention of that Act or the regulations.

It is also an offence to refuse the person named on this permit entry to a workplace, or to intentionally hinder, obstruct, intimidate or threaten that person in the exercise of his or her powers under Part 8 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, or to induce or attempt to induce any other person to do so.".

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#### 1. General Information

The Occupational Health and Safety (Entry Permits) Regulations 2005, S.R. No. 64/2005 were made on 21 June 2005 by the Governor in Council under section 158 of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**, No. 107/2004 and came into operation on 1 July 2005: regulation 3.

The Occupational Health and Safety (Entry Permits) Regulations 2005 will sunset 10 years after the day of making on 21 June 2015 (see section 5 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**).

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#### 2. Table of Amendments

There are no amendments made to the Occupational Health and Safety (Entry Permits) Regulations 2005 by statutory rules, subordinate instruments and Acts.

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#### 3. Explanatory Details

No entries at date of publication.