STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 2261

CLEAN AIR

The Alkali, &c. Works Order, 1961

Made - - - - 23*rd November*, 1961
Laid before Parliament 28*th November*, 1961
Coming into Operation 1*st January*, 1962

The Minister of Housing and Local Government, after a public inquiry and after consultation with the local authorities and other interests concerned, in exercise of his powers under subsection (1) of section 4 of the Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act, 1926(a), as extended by subsection (3) of section 17 of the Clean Air Act, 1956(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Alkali, &c. Works Order, 1961, and this order and the Alkali, &c. Works Orders, 1928 to 1958 (in this order referred to as "the orders of 1928 to 1958") may be cited together as the Alkali, &c. Works Orders, 1928 to 1961.

(2) This order shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1962.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The list of noxious or offensive gases mentioned in section 27 of the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1906(d) (in this order referred to as "the Act of 1906") as extended by the orders of 1928 to 1958 shall be further extended so as to include the gases and fumes set out in the first schedule to this order.

4. For item 39 of the second schedule to the Alkali, &c. Works Order, 1958(e) (which extends the list of works mentioned in the First Schedule to the Act of 1906) there shall be substituted the following—

"39. Caustic Soda Works, that is to say, works in which—

(*a*) either concentrated solutions of caustic soda or fused caustic soda are produced in vessels heated by coal; or

(*b*) black liquor produced in the manufacture of paper is calcined in the recovery of caustic soda."

5. The list of works mentioned in the First Schedule to the Act of 1906 as extended by the orders of 1928 to 1958 shall be further extended so as to include the works set out in the second schedule to this order and the items appearing in that schedule shall be added to and form part of the First Schedule to the Act of 1906.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Gases and fumes to be included in the list of noxious or offensive gases mentioned in section 27 of the Act of 1906.

Fumes containing uranium, beryllium, selenium, sodium, potassium or their compounds.

Carbon monoxide.

(a) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 43.
(b) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 52.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) 6 Edw. 7. c. 14.
(e) S.I. 1958/497 (1958 I, p. 318).

SECOND SCHEDULE

Works to be included in the list of works mentioned in the First Schedule to the Act of 1906.

41. Uranium works, that is to say, works (not being works licensed under the Nuclear Installations (Licensing and Insurance) Act, 1959(a), and not being nuclear reactors or works involving the processing of irradiated fuel therefrom for the purpose of removing fission products) in which—

(*a*) any ore or concentrate or any material containing uranium or its compounds is treated for the production of uranium or its alloys or its compounds; or

(*b*) Any volatile compounds of uranium are manufactured or used; or

(*c*) Uranium or its compounds are manufactured, fashioned or fabricated by any dry process giving rise to dust or fume.

42. Beryllium works, that is to say, works in which—

(*a*) any ore or concentrate or any material containing beryllium or its compounds is treated for the production of beryllium or its alloys or its compounds; or

(*b*) any material containing beryllium or its alloys or its compounds is treated, processed or fabricated in any manner giving rise to dust or fume.

43. Selenium works, that is to say, works in which—

(*a*) any ore or concentrate or any material containing selenium or its compounds is treated for the production of selenium or its alloys or its compounds; or

(*b*) any material containing selenium or its alloys or its compounds other than as colouring matter, is treated, processed or fabricated in any manner giving rise to dust or fume.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this twenty-third day of November, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *Charles Hill,*
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The discharge of certain noxious or offensive gases, smoke, grit and dust from certain types of works is subject to control under the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1906, as extended by virtue of section 17 of the Clean Air Act, 1956. Both the types of works and the list of gases may be added to from time to time by order of the Minister of Housing and Local Government, and this Order makes the additions specified in the schedules thereto.

(a) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 46.