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COAL AND OTHER MINES

Abandonment Plans

RULES, DATED 1ST JUNE 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 20(2) OF THE MINES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969.

The Ministry of Commerce in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 20(2) of the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following rules:—

Citation

1. These rules may be cited as the Coal and Other Mines (Abandonment Plans) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1970.

Scale of Copy Plans

2. Any copy of a plan sent to the Ministry by virtue of regulation 13 of the Coal and Other Mines (Surveyors and Plans) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**b**) shall be on a scale not smaller than the plan of which it is a copy.

Information to be recorded on plans

3. Any plan or copy of a plan sent to the Ministry by virtue of that regulation shall show (so far as they can be ascertained) as regards the mine or seam abandoned or disused—

(*a*) the position of any pump in use below ground immediately before the mine or that seam was abandoned or was last worked for the purpose of getting minerals or products of minerals and the quantity of water being pumped by each such pump;

(*b*) any variation in level on the boundaries of the workings from Ordnance Datum or from the datum below Ordnance Datum used for the purposes of the plan (the Ordnance Datum used in preparation of that plan to be specified: whether Poolbeg or mean sea level);

(*c*) the position and extent of any area known to be water-logged; and

(*d*) the position and, so far as practicable, the dimensions and method of construction of any water dam and the pressure of water being retained by it immediately before the mine or that seam was abandoned or was last worked for the purpose of getting minerals or products of minerals.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 1st day of June 1970 in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. H. Armstrong,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1969. c. 6 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 135.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These rules prescribe the scale of and information to be recorded on plans or copies of plans of abandoned or disused mines or seams of coal, stratified ironstone, shale and fireclay which are required to be sent to the Ministry under regulation 13 of the Coal and Other Mines (Surveyors and Plans) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.