MINES AND QUARRIES

1. COMMENCEMENT OF ACT

1956 No. 1530 (C. 11)

The Mines and Quarries Act, 1954 (Commencement) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*28th September*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*4th October*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st January*, 1957

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by section one hundred and ninety-four of the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), hereby orders as follows:—

1. The first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, is hereby appointed as the day on which the Act (except sections one hundred and seventy-two and one hundred and ninety thereof, being sections which came into operation on the passing of the Act) shall come into operation.

2. This order shall come into operation on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and may be cited as the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954 (Commencement) Order, 1956.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Aubrey Jones,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

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2. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL (MINES)

1956 No. 1758

The Coal and Other Mines (Managers and Officials) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*7th November*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*26th November*, 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st January*, 1957

Whereas by subsection (1) of section one hundred and ninety of the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Minister of Fuel and Power (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") is empowered to re-enact (to the extent to which they could by virtue of the Act be enacted in regulations made under section one hundred and forty-one thereof)—

(*a*) provisions of any regulation having effect by virtue of section eighty-six of the Coal Mines Act, 1911(**b**);

(*b*) provisions of any enactment repealed by section one hundred and eighty-nine of the Act in so far as that enactment is not re-enacted in the Act;

(a) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 70.

(b) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50.

subject to such modifications (if any) as appear to him to be consequential on the passing of the Act or requisite for the purpose either of bringing those provisions into conformity with the Act or of expressly limiting their operation to mines of the class to which their operation is limited immediately before the commencement of the Act:

And Whereas by subsection (2) of that section it is provided amongst other things that an order under subsection (1) shall set out in a schedule to the order the provisions thereby re-enacted and may direct that those provisions shall have effect as if they were regulations made under section one hundred and forty-one of the Act:

Now, therefore, the Minister in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by section one hundred and ninety of the Act hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) The provisions set out in the first schedule hereto, being provisions of regulations and enactments specified in the second schedule hereto subject to such modifications as aforesaid, are hereby re-enacted and shall have effect as if they were regulations made under section one hundred and forty-one of the Act coming into operation at the commencement of the Act.

(2) The provisions set out in the first schedule hereto may be cited as the Coal and Other Mines (Managers and Officials) Regulations, 1956.

2. Any exemption, consent, approval, certificate or requirement granted or imposed for the purposes of a provision specified in the second schedule hereto shall, if in force at the commencement of the Act and so far as it could have been granted or imposed for the purposes of the Coal and Other Mines (Managers and Officials) Regulations, 1956, have effect as if it had been so granted or imposed.

3. This order shall come into operation at the commencement of the Act and may be cited as the Coal and Other Mines (Managers and Officials) Order, 1956.

Dated this seventh day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Aubrey Jones,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

FIRST SCHEDULE

THE COAL AND OTHER MINES (MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS) REGULATIONS, 1956, HAVING EFFECT AS IF MADE UNDER SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE OF THE MINES AND QUARRIES ACT, 1954.

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PART I

Application

1. These regulations shall apply to every mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, and in these regulations, unless otherwise expressly provided, "mine" means such a mine.

PART II

Miscellaneous duties of managers and under-managers

2. The manager of every mine and any under-manager thereof to the extent of his jurisdiction shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure that a sufficient supply of suitable materials and appliances is at all times readily available for ensuring compliance with all requirements imposed by or under the Act and the safety of the mine and of persons employed therein.

3. The manager of every mine and any under-manager thereof to the extent of his jurisdiction shall give attention to and cause to be carefully investigated any representation or complaint made to him by or on behalf of persons employed thereat about any matter affecting the safety or health of such persons.

4. The manager of every mine shall make and ensure the efficient carrying out of arrangements whereby a correct record of the number of persons going below ground and returning above ground is made daily by a competent person appointed by him.

5. Every under-manager of a mine to the extent of his jurisdiction and, as respects any part of a mine which is not within the jurisdiction of an under-manager, the manager thereof shall make and maintain arrangements for conferring daily on matters arising in the carrying out of their duties with the deputies of the mine and other officials having charge of operations carried on below ground:

Provided that to the extent that there are officials superior to the deputies and to such other officials it shall be sufficient for the under-manager or manager, as the case may be, so to confer with those superior officials.

6. Every under-manager of a mine to the extent of his jurisdiction and, as respects any part of a mine which is not within the jurisdiction of an under-manager, the manager thereof shall from time to time examine all parts of the mine which are required to be ventilated whether or not they are frequented by workmen employed thereat.

PART III

Underground officials superior to the deputies

7. No person shall be qualified to be appointed under subsection (1) of section thirteen of the Act, or to be, an underground official superior to the deputies but inferior to the manager and, where there is an under-manager, to the under-manager unless—

(*a*) he is the holder of a first class or second class certificate of competency valid with respect to that mine; or

(*b*) he is the holder of a deputy's certificate granted by the Minister on the recommendation of the Mining Qualifications Board and, in the case of a person so recommended after written examination, has attained the age of twenty-four years and had not less than one year's experience as a deputy, or, in any other case, has attained the age of twenty-seven years and had not less than two years' experience as a deputy; or

(*c*) he is the holder of a certificate given under sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) of regulation eighteen of the Coal Mines (Officials and Inspections) General Regulations, 1951(a) (being a certificate relating to his service as such an official before the coming into operation of that regulation).

(a) S.I. 1951/848 (1951 I, p. 308).

8.—(1) Every underground official superior to the deputies but inferior to the manager and, where there is an under-manager, to the under-manager shall to the extent of his jurisdiction have the duty of securing compliance with all requirements imposed by or under the Act and the safe performance of all operations.

(2) Every such official shall—

(*a*) during each shift of his confer with the deputy assigned to each district and with each other official then performing duties in or responsible for any part of the mine, being a district or part to which his jurisdiction extends;

(*b*) at the end of each shift of his give to any person succeeding to any of his duties all information he has obtained which is relevant to safety; and

(*c*) within twenty-four hours of the end of each shift of his examine and counter-sign any report made by such a deputy in relation to that shift by virtue of regulation twenty-five of these regulations.

PART IV

Deputies

General duties of deputies

9.—(1) In every mine competent persons appointed by the manager as deputies shall each during his shift in the district assigned to him—

(*a*) have the immediate charge of the workmen for the time being in that district and of all operations carried on by them therein; and

(*b*) make such inspections and carry out such other duties with regard to the presence of gas, ventilation, support of roof and sides and general safety (including the health of persons working in that district) as are required by the Act or by regulations (including these regulations).

(2) Subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, every deputy to whom a district is assigned shall devote his whole time during his shift to the duties specified in the last preceding paragraph.

(3) Paragraph (2) of this regulation shall not prevent any deputy being employed in firing shots or apply in relation to the deputy in any district—

(*a*) being a district exempted therefrom by a notice served on the manager by an inspector on the ground of the special circumstances of that district; or

(*b*) in a mine at which not more than thirty persons are employed below ground, if the number of persons at work in that district during the shift concerned does not exceed ten; or

(*c*) in any mine if the number of persons at work in that district during the shift concerned does not exceed five:

Provided that no duty shall be assigned to the deputy by virtue of this paragraph if performance of that duty would prevent the deputy carrying out the duties specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation in a thorough manner, and an inspector may serve a notice on the manager requiring that such a duty shall not be so assigned if he is of opinion that performance thereof would be likely to prevent the deputy so carrying out those duties.

(4) No deputy shall at any time perform any duty himself or allow any workman in his charge to do any work, not being a duty or work the carrying out of which is necessary for securing the safety or health of workmen employed at the mine, if so doing would prevent or delay the due carrying out of any duty or work necessary for that purpose.

Determination of deputies' districts

10.—(1) The manager of every mine shall define, by means of a plan on a scale not less than six inches to one mile kept at the office at the mine or at such other place as may be approved by an inspector, the limits of each

district in the mine to be in the charge of a deputy (hereinafter referred to as " a deputy's district ") in such manner that—

(*a*) there is included within the limits of a deputy's district every place in the mine at which mineral is worked, other than a place at which mineral is worked for the purpose of repairing, restoring or enlarging a road or preparing accommodation required for the working of the mine; and

(*b*) no deputy's district is of a size which may prevent a deputy assigned thereto making the pre-shift inspections referred to in regulation twelve within a period of one and a half hours if he is not interrupted in so doing.

(2) Different districts may be defined in relation to different shifts or different days of the week or both of them having regard to the nature of the work to be carried out thereon.

(3) If an inspector is of opinion that any deputy's district so defined is of a size which may prevent or prejudice the carrying out by a deputy assigned thereto of all his duties in a thorough manner, the inspector may serve on the manager a notice requiring him to reduce the size of that district.

(4) The provisions of Part XV of the Act with respect to references upon notices served by inspectors shall apply to a notice served under the last preceding paragraph and the relevant ground of objection to such a notice shall be that the size of that deputy's district does not prevent or prejudice the carrying out by the deputy assigned thereto of all his duties in a thorough manner.

11. It shall be the duty of the manager to secure that a deputy is assigned to each deputy's district for each shift during which any workman is to go into that district.

Pre-shift inspections

12.—(1) Within the period of two hours immediately before the commencement of work on any shift during which workmen will enter a deputy's district, the deputy to whom that district is assigned for that shift or for the last preceding shift shall himself ascertain by inspection of every part of it which is required to be ventilated (hereinafer referred to as " a pre-shift inspection ") the condition of every such part as regards the presence of gas, ventilation, state of roof and sides and general safety:

Provided that during any period in which workmen are continuously in the district since the last preceding pre-shift inspection it shall be sufficient for such an inspection to be made at intervals not exceeding eight hours.

(2) Every deputy making a pre-shift inspection shall have with him a locked flame safety-lamp and a locked electric safety-lamp or a locked safety-lamp combining those two, being in every case a lamp for the time being approved by the Minister for the purpose of deputies' inspections, and he shall not use any other lamp during his inspection. This paragraph shall not apply in mines of stratified ironstone other than—

(*a*) mines in the Cleveland district; and

(*b*) mines in any part of which the use of lamps or lights, other than permitted lights, is unlawful.

(3) A deputy may be accompanied during any pre-shift inspection by one competent workman as an assistant. Such a workman shall not use during that inspection any lamp other than a locked safety-lamp of a type for the time being approved by the Minister for general use by workmen.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation as regards any deputy's district a reference to a deputy assigned thereto for the last preceding shift shall include a deputy assigned to a deputy's district which comprised that district and the deputies assigned to deputies' districts which or parts of which together comprised that district.

Meeting stations

13.—(1) The manager shall fix by means of a plan referred to in regulation ten a station at an entrance to every deputy's district (hereinafter referred to in relation to that district as " the meeting station ") and shall ensure that notices indicating the position of every meeting station are kept posted at such suitable places and in such characters as to be easily seen.

(2) An inspector may, if he is of opinion that the position of any meeting station does not provide adequately for the safety of the workmen, serve on the manager a notice requiring him to alter the position thereof.

(3) The provisions of Part XV of the Act with respect to references upon notices served by inspectors shall apply to a notice served under the last preceding paragraph and the relevant ground of objection to such a notice shall be that the position of the meeting station fixed by the manager provides adequately for the safety of the workmen.

14.—(1) No workman shall pass beyond the meeting station of or enter any deputy's district (except in pursuance of paragraph (3) of regulation twelve) unless he is instructed to do so by the deputy assigned to that district or a district comprising or comprised in that district or he does so in pursuance of an arrangement made by the manager.

(2) A deputy shall not instruct any workman to pass beyond the meeting station or enter a district unless he has made, or is satisfied that another deputy has made, any pre-shift inspection required by these regulations to be made before that workman commences work and he is satisfied that, having regard to any instruction he gives to that workman relating to his safety, that workman can safely enter the district.

(3) The manager shall not make arrangements for any workman to pass beyond the meeting station or enter any deputy's district (otherwise than in pursuance of the last preceding paragraph) except arrangements which will operate only when a workman will already be in the district and any such arrangements shall be subject on any occasion to any instruction given by a deputy.

Inspections during shifts

15.—(1) Every deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned for any shift shall at least twice during that shift inspect every part of that district which is required to be ventilated to ascertain the condition thereof as regards the presence of gas, ventilation, state of roof and sides and general safety in such manner that—

(*a*) no place at which workmen are at work shall remain uninspected for more than four hours; and

(*b*) he inspects any part of the district, which has remained for a period of two hours after the pre-shift inspection without workmen being at work therein, not more than two hours before workmen are to re-enter it.

(2) Nothing in the last preceding paragraph shall require the inspection under this regulation of a development working which the manager has caused to be marked with a notice to the effect that work therein is for the time being discontinued.

(3) Paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation twelve shall apply to an inspection under this regulation as they apply to a pre-shift inspection.

(4) A pre-shift inspection made during any shift may be taken into account also as an inspection made under this regulation during that shift.

Miscellaneous duties of deputies

16. Without prejudice to the generality of section thirty-three of the Act, the deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned for any shift shall ensure that any place therein which is for the time being dangerous by reason of the presence of gas or from any other cause is so fenced off at each approach as to prevent any person from accidentally entering it and that each such fence is marked with a danger sign provided by the owner of the mine.

17. Every deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned for any shift shall immediately before going below ground for that shift and upon returning to the surface after it read the barometer provided in pursuance of subsection (1) of section sixty of the Act.

18. Every deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned for any shift shall—

(*a*) record the names of the workmen under his charge in that district during that shift; and

(*b*) take all reasonable steps to ensure that such workmen understand and carry out any duties which fall to be performed by them in order to secure compliance with all requirements imposed by or under the Act or to secure the safety or health of any person employed at the mine.

19. Every deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that—

(*a*) all machinery, apparatus and other equipment in use in that district is properly maintained; and

(*b*) no machinery, apparatus or equipment which is found by or reported to him to be in an unsafe condition is used while in that condition.

20. A deputy to whom any district is assigned (otherwise than during the temporary absence of another deputy) shall, where not less than two ways of egress therefrom or from any place therein are required under section twenty-four of the Act, forthwith make himself acquainted with two such ways from the district and from any such place therein, and shall thereafter travel along the whole of each of them once at least in each month during which that district is assigned to him.

21.—(1) A deputy to whom any district is assigned for any shift shall not leave that district while workmen remain in it unless he has committed the charge of those workmen to a competent person, who shall during the absence of the deputy perform the functions of the deputy.

(2) Nothing in the last preceding paragraph shall be construed as relieving the deputy from any responsibility imposed on him by or under the Act or in particular as relieving the deputy from himself making the inspections and reports required by these regulations.

Deputies' duties on conclusion of shift

22. Every deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned for any shift shall at the end of that shift, unless there is any person then in that district for a succeeding shift, ensure that in that district—

(*a*) the ventilation is taking its proper course; and

(*b*) all lights are extinguished and any supply of electricity is cut off, except any light or supply of which the continuance is necessary for the safety of the mine:

Provided that if workmen are due to arrive in that district for a succeeding shift not more than thirty minutes after the departure of the last workman in the shift to which that deputy is assigned this regulation shall not require the extinction of any fixed electric lights.

23. A deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned for any shift shall not leave the mine at the end of that shift if any workman is due to arrive in that district for a succeeding shift within one hour after the departure of the last workmen in the shift to which that deputy is assigned until he has conferred with the deputy succeeding him and has given that deputy all information in his possession necessary for the safety of persons who will be employed in the district.

Deputies' reports

24.—(1) Every deputy who has made a pre-shift inspection shall forthwith upon the completion thereof record and sign in a book provided by the owner of the mine for the purpose a full and accurate report thereof which shall, except

in so far as it consists of printed matter, be in his own handwriting, and which in particular shall specify—

(*a*) the condition of roof and sides and of the ventilation in the district; and

(*b*) whether or not he has found therein any inflammable or noxious gas or other source of danger and if found particulars thereof.

(2) A copy of every report made under this regulation shall be posted at the pithead not later than ten o'clock in the morning of the day following that on which the report was made and shall be kept posted there until ten o'clock in the morning of the next following day.

25. Every deputy to whom a deputy's district is assigned for any shift shall forthwith after the end of that shift record and sign in a book provided by the owner of the mine for the purpose a full and accurate report, which shall, except in so far as it consists of printed matter, be in his own handwriting, upon the performance of all his duties during that shift, and such report shall include any information in his possession which is material to the proper working of the mine or to the safety or health of persons who may be employed in that district, and the readings of the barometer made by him in pursuance of regulation seventeen.

Qualifications of deputies

26.—(1) No person shall be qualified to be appointed, or to be, a deputy unless he is the holder of—

(*a*) a first or second class certificate of competency valid with respect to that mine; or

(*b*) a deputy's certificate granted by the Minister on the recommendation of the Mining Qualifications Board; or

(*c*) a certificate given under subsection (2) of section fifteen of the Coal Mines Act, 1911 (as amended by regulation fifteen of the Coal Mines (Officials and Inspections) General Regulations, 1951), being a certificate relating to his service as a deputy before the coming into operation of that regulation.

(2) No person shall be qualified to be appointed, or to be, a deputy unless he has within the last preceding five years obtained a certificate that he was then able to recognise the various gas caps formed in a flame safety-lamp in atmospheres containing one and one quarter per cent. by volume of inflammable gas and more, and able in so far as concerned his hearing to carry out his duties efficiently, being a certificate granted by a university or university college or by a school, college or institution maintained or assisted by a local education authority or by another body approved by the Minister for that purpose:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a deputy at a mine of stratified ironstone other than—

(*a*) a mine in the Cleveland district; and

(*b*) a mine in any part of which the use of lamps or lights, other than permitted lights, is unlawful.

(3) No person shall be qualified to be appointed, or to be, a deputy unless he has within the last preceding five years obtained a certificate of proficiency in first aid granted by a society or body approved by the Minister for the purpose:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a person who is the holder of a certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation.

(4) The expenses incurred by a person who is employed as a deputy at a mine in obtaining a certificate described in either of the two last preceding paragraphs shall be borne by the owner of that mine.

(5) Every certificate required by the preceding provisions of this regulation to be held as a qualification by any person for the time being appointed a deputy at any mine shall be kept at the office at that mine or at such other place as may be approved by an inspector.

27.—(1) If in the case of a mine at which not more than thirty persons are employed below ground the number of persons employed thereat who may be appointed deputy in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding regulation is less by reason of sickness, holidays or other temporary cause than the number for the time being requisite for the full working of the mine, nothing in that regulation shall prevent any competent persons being appointed or being deputies in that mine.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall authorise a person appointed in pursuance thereof to be a deputy for a period exceeding three months.

(3) The manager of a mine shall give to the inspector for the district notice of the making of any appointment under this regulation in respect of that mine and of the name and address of the person appointed within seven days after the making of the appointment.

PART V

Inspections outside deputies' districts

28. It shall be the duty of the manager of every mine to secure that competent persons, each of whom is qualified under regulation twenty-six to be a deputy, are appointed by him and assigned to make the inspections specified in the next following regulation.

29. A competent person appointed under the last preceding regulation shall ascertain by inspection the condition of the following parts of the mine, in so far as they are not within any deputy's district, at the times respectively specified, that is to say—

(*a*) at the beginning of and, in addition, at least once during each shift in which a workman is to be thereat, every working place at which—

(i) mineral is worked for the purpose of repairing, restoring or enlarging a road or preparing accommodation required for the working of the mine, or

(ii) apparatus, equipment or supports are being withdrawn in preparation for the abandonment of that place, or

(iii) any other work is done, being a place which persons do not regularly pass ;

(*b*) at intervals not exceeding twenty-four hours, every place which persons regularly pass ; and

(*c*) at intervals not exceeding seven days, every airway and road.

30. Every person who is assigned to make an inspection required by the last preceding regulation during any shift shall immediately before going below ground for that shift and upon returning to the surface after it read the barometer provided in pursuance of subsection (1) of section sixty of the Act.

31. Every person who has made an inspection required by regulation twenty-nine during any shift shall forthwith record and sign in a book provided by the owner of the mine for the purpose a full and accurate report thereof which shall, except in so far as it consists of printed matter, be in his own handwriting, and shall include the readings of the barometer made by him in pursuance of the last preceding regulation.

PART VI.

Special provisions relating to shafts in the course of being sunk

32.—(1) In relation to a mine or part of a mine consisting of a shaft in the course of being sunk the preceding regulations shall have effect subject to the following modifications.

(2) Nothing in regulation ten or thirteen shall require a deputy's district consisting of a shaft in the course of being sunk or the meeting station in relation to such a district to be defined or fixed by means of a plan.

(3) A pre-shift inspection of such a district made in pursuance of paragraph (1) of regulation twelve (otherwise than by virtue of the proviso thereto) shall be so made as to be completed as nearly as may be immediately before the workmen are to be lowered.

(4) An inspection of such a district in pursuance of regulation fifteen shall be made whenever workmen have been withdrawn for shotfiring or any other purpose and before they are lowered again. On such an inspection the deputy may be accompanied by not more than two competent workmen as assistants.

(5) Regulations sixteen and twenty shall not apply.

(6) At the end of his shift the deputy assigned to such a district shall not be raised to the surface leaving any workmen of that shift to be raised after him, and, if his shift is to be succeeded immediately by another shift, he shall not leave the bottom of the shaft until the deputy succeeding him has been lowered thereto. Regulations twenty-one, twenty-two and twenty-three shall not apply.

(7) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1) of regulation twenty-six a person shall be qualified to be appointed, and to be, a deputy if—

(*a*) he has attained the age of twenty-five years;

(*b*) he has had not less than five years' practical experience in the sinking of shafts;

(*c*) he holds the certificates required by paragraphs (2) and (3) of that regulation; and

(*d*) an inspector by notice served on the manager of the mine approves the appointment:

Provided that a deputy appointed by virtue of this paragraph shall not be assigned any district as the deputy thereof other than a district consisting of a shaft in the course of being sunk.

PART VII

Interpretation

33.—(1) In these regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"the Act" means the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954;

"deputy" means a person appointed as such for the purposes of regulation nine;

"deputy's district" has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation ten;

"meeting station" has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation thirteen;

"mine" has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation one;

"pre-shift inspection" has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation twelve.

(2) Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Act or by these regulations shall (unless the contrary intention appears) have the same meanings in any document issued under the provisions of these regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

SECOND SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS AND ENACTMENTS CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE RE-ENACTED WITH MODIFICATIONS IN THE COAL AND OTHER MINES (MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS) REGULATIONS, 1956.

Coal Mines Act, 1911, sections 14, 15, 17, 63, 64, 65 and 66 (as amended by the Coal Mines (Officials and Inspections) General Regulations, 1951)

General Regulations, dated July 10, 1913(a), Regulations 30, 36 to 38, 40, 42 to 45, 104, 180, 182 and 184

Coal Mines (Officials and Inspections) General Regulations, 1951(b)

Coal Mines (Officials and Inspections) General Regulations, 1952(c)

Coal Mines (Miscellaneous) General Regulations, 1953(d), Regulation 1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order is made under the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954, s. 190, which empowers the Minister of Fuel and Power to re-enact (to the extent to which they could be enacted in regulations made under the Act and subject to modifications of the kind specified in that section) the provisions of regulations and enactments which will cease to have effect at the commencement of the Act.

The provisions set out as regulations in the first schedule to this order apply to mines of coal, stratified ironstone, shale and fireclay. The regulations specify certain miscellaneous duties of managers and under-managers of such mines with regard to the sufficient supply of suitable materials and appliances to ensure compliance with the Act and regulations and the safety of the mine; the investigation of representations or complaints made by or on behalf of persons employed at the mine about matters affecting safety or health; the recording of the numbers of persons going below and returning above ground; the holding of daily conferences with the deputies and certain other officials; and the examination of certain parts of the mine. The qualifications and duties of underground officials superior to the deputies, and of the deputies, are specified, and provision is made with regard to the determination and the inspection of deputies' districts; the fixing of meeting stations beyond which workmen must not pass except in specified circumstances; and the inspection of certain places below ground which are outside a deputy's district. The regulations apply to shafts in the course of being sunk subject to the modifications set out in Part VI.

These regulations comprise, and will at the commencement of the Act replace, provisions of the regulations and enactments specified in the second schedule to the order.

(a) S.R. & O. 1913/748 (Rev. IV, p. 318: 1913, p. 680).
(b) S.I. 1951/848 (1951 I, p. 308). (c) S.I. 1952/845 (1952 I, p. 607).
(d) S.I. 1953/1098 (1953 I, p. 298).