1956 No. 1941

The Coal and Other Mines (Transport Roads) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	*6th December*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	*12th December*, 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 forty-one and section thirty-nine of the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and of all other powers him enabling hereby orders that the following regulations shall have effect:—

1. These regulations shall apply to every mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay.

2. During the period of five years beginning with the commencement of the Act there shall be exempted from the provisions of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section thirty-nine of the Act (which, in relation to a length of road in which run vehicles moved otherwise than by hand or by animal traction and which is used at the beginning or end, or the beginning and end of a shift, by not less than ten persons for the purpose of walking to or from their working places, requires the manager to fix a period or periods for the purpose of enabling them to do so in safety) any such length of road of which the gradient nowhere exceeds 1:18 and does not exceed 1:24 for any distance exceeding three hundred feet and of which the average gradient does not exceed 1:24, being—

(*a*) in a mine opened before the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twelve, a length of road where the maximum speed at which vehicles may run does not exceed two miles per hour; or

(*b*) in any mine, a length of road on one side of which there is a continuous clear space not less than two feet in width between the vehicles and that side and where the maximum speed at which vehicles may run does not exceed three miles per hour.

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

(2) These regulations shall come into operation at the commencement of the Act and may be cited as the Coal and Other Mines (Transport Roads) Regulations, 1956.

Dated this sixth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Aubrey Jones,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 39 (1) (*b*) of the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954, provides that, in relation to a length of road in which run vehicles moved otherwise than by hand or by animal traction and which is used at the beginning or end

(a) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 70. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

or at the beginning and end of a shift by not less than 10 persons for the purpose of walking to or from their working places in the mine, it is the duty of the manager to fix a period or periods for the purpose of enabling them to do so in safety and that during such a period no person may cause or permit a vehicle to move otherwise than by those means in such a length of road.

The subsection enables regulations to be made exempting from this requirement lengths of road to which the regulations apply and these regulations exempt for a period of 5 years beginning with the commencement of the Act lengths of road in which the gradients and the maximum speed of vehicles (specified in transport rules made under section 37 of the Act) do not exceed those specified in regulation 2.

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(4) SUPPORT

1956 No. 1763

The Coal and Other Mines (Support) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*7th November*, 1956
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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;

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

(**a**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 70. (**b**) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50.