STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 914

COAL INDUSTRY

The Coal Industry (Pension Schemes) Regulations 1971

Made - - -	*27th May* 1971
Laid before Parliament	*10th June* 1971
Coming into Operation	*16th June* 1971

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 37 of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946(a), as amended by section 4 of the Coal Industry Act 1949(b) and section 14 of the Miners' Welfare Act 1952(c), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Coal Industry (Pension Schemes) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 16th June 1971.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Superannuation) Regulations 1950(d) as amended (e).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(f) applies for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Removal of requirement for Secretary of State's approval

2.—(1) The power conferred on the National Coal Board by regulation 1 of the principal regulations to pay or make provision for the payment of pensions, gratuities and other like benefits for all or any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of section 37(1) of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946, as amended by section 4 of the Coal Industry Act 1949 and by section 14 of the Miners' Welfare Act 1952, by the establishment of schemes and other arrangements shall be exercisable without the Secretary of State's approval first being obtained.

(2) Accordingly the principal regulations shall have effect as if—

(*a*) in regulation 1(1) of those regulations (as originally made) the words "subject to the Minister's approval" were deleted, and for the words "established with the Minister's approval" there were substituted the words "established under this regulation";

(*b*) in regulation 1(2) of those regulations (as inserted by the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Superannuation) Regulations 1957(g)) for the words "established by the Board with the Minister's approval" there were substituted the words "established by the Board under this regulation"; and

(a) 1946 c. 59. (b) 1949 c. 53. (c) 1952 c. 23. (d) S.I. 1950/376 (1950 I, p. 356)
(e) S.I. 1952/1233, 1957/319, 1968/748 (1952 I, p. 595; 1957 I, p. 432; 1968 II, p. 2121).
(f) 1889 c. 63. (g) S.I. 1957/319 (1957 I, p. 432).

(*c*) in regulation 1(3) of those regulations (as inserted by regulation 2 of the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations 1968(a)) for the words "established by the Board with the Minister's approval" there were substituted the words "established by the Board under this regulation".

Dated 27th May 1971.

John Davies,

Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These regulations make it unnecessary for the National Coal Board to obtain the Secretary of State's approval before establishing a pension scheme or making other pension arrangements for persons employed in the coal industry.

(a) S.I. 1968/748 (1968 II, p. 2121).