2. The operation of the Act of 1908 is suspended in so far as concerns the application of sections one and three thereof to mines of coal for the period beginning on the date of the coming into operation of this Order and ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

3. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1953.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, as amended by subsequent enactments, limits the time during which the main categories of workmen in mines may be below ground for the purposes of their work, and of going to and from their work, to 7½ hours per day, exclusive of the time taken to convey shifts to and from the working levels. The corresponding time for certain other categories is 8½ hours.

This Order suspends the operation of the relevant sections of the Act in so far as it applies to coal mines, for the period from the expiry of the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1952, to 30th April, 1954.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1953 No. 1509

The Coal Mines (Electricity) (Earthing Systems) General Regulations, 1953

Made - - - -	*13th October,* 1953
Laid before Parliament	*15th October,* 1953
Coming into Operation	*28th October,* 1953

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections sixty and eighty-six of the Coal Mines Act, 1911(a), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby orders that the following regulations shall have effect:—

1. At the end of paragraph (*b*) of regulation one hundred and twenty-five (which relates to the earthing of electrical apparatus) of the general regulations made the tenth day of July, nineteen hundred and thirteen(b), (hereinafter referred to as " the 1913 regulations ") there shall be inserted the following words and figures:—

" except that in the case of a flexible cable which supplies power to a portable drilling machine at a voltage not exceeding 125 volts the cross-sectional area of the earthing conductor shall not be required to be greater than 0.01 of a square inch.".

2. At the end of the said paragraph (*b*) of regulation one hundred and twenty-five of the 1913 regulations as applied (subject to an amendment) to apparatus used above ground by the general regulations made the thirtieth

(a) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50. (b) S.R. & O. 1913/748; Rev. IV, p. 318; 1913 I, p. 680.

day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty(a), (hereinafter referred to as "the 1920 regulations") there shall be inserted the following words and figures:—

"and except that in the case of a flexible cable which supplies power to a portable drilling machine at a voltage not exceeding 125 volts the cross-sectional area of the earthing conductor shall not be required to be greater than 0.01 of a square inch.".

3. At the end of paragraph (*a*) of regulation one hundred and thirty (which relates to the use of flexible cables with portable apparatus) of the 1913 regulations and of that paragraph as applied to apparatus used above ground by the 1920 regulations there shall be inserted the following words and figures:—

"unless it forms part of a flexible cable conforming with the specification for Type No. 21 of British Standard Specification for Trailing Cables for Mining Purposes numbered 708 either as revised in February, 1940, and amended in August, 1940, or as revised in January, 1950, and amended in May, 1950.".

4. These regulations shall come into operation on the fifteenth day after the date hereof, and may be cited as the Coal Mines (Electricity) (Earthing Systems) General Regulations, 1953.

Dated this thirteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Geoffrey Lloyd,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations introduce amendments relating to cross-sectional areas of conductors for earthing systems and to the use of metallic coverings of flexible cables as earth conductors for portable apparatus.

1953 No. 1098

The Coal Mines (Miscellaneous) General Regulations, 1953

Made - - - -	15*th July*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	17*th July*, 1953
Coming into Operation	30*th July*, 1953

The Minister of Fuel and Power (in these regulations referred to as "the Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section eighty-six of the Coal Mines Act, 1911(b), (in these regulations referred to as "the Act") as amended by sections nine and eleven of the Coal Industry Act, 1949(c), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby orders that the following regulations shall have effect:—

1. At the end of subsection (1) of section fifteen of the Act (as amended by the Coal Mines (Officials and Inspections) General Regulations, 1951(d))

(a) S.R. & O. 1920/1423; Rev. IV, p. 345; 1920 I, p. 1188.
(b) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50. (c) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 53. (d) S.I. 1951/848; 1951 I, p. 308.