3. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1952.

F. J. Fernau.

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, 1951, to 30th April, 1953.

HEALTH

1952 No. 2070

The Coal Mines (Medical Examinations) General Regulations, 1952

Made - - - -	*29th November,* 1952
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Coming into Operation	*10th December,* 1952

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section eighty-six of the Coal Mines Act, 1911(a), and section ten of the Coal Industry Act, 1949(b), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby orders that the following regulations shall have effect:—

1.—(1) The owner of every coal mine shall make arrangements for the medical examination at the expense of the owner by a registered medical practitioner approved by the Minister of Fuel and Power (in these regulations referred to as " the Minister ") of every person first employed, or about to be employed, in or about that coal mine after the coming into operation of these regulations, other than—

(*a*) in the case of a mine in the county of Brecon, Carmarthen, Glamorgan, Monmouth or Pembroke, a person who has been medically examined in connection with employment at another mine in one of these counties, or was employed at such a mine before the coming into operation of these regulations,

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(a) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 53.

(*b*) in the case of a mine not in one of those counties, a person who—

(i) has been medically examined in connection with employment at another mine ;

(ii) is not less than twenty-one years of age when first employed in or about a coal mine ;

(iii) was not less than twenty-one years of age before the coming into operation of these regulations ; or

(iv) was not less than eighteen years of age and had been employed in or about a coal mine before the coming into operation of these regulations.

(2) Such arrangements shall provide for the medical practitioner to issue to the person examined and the manager of the mine certificates in a form approved by the Minister of the fitness of the person examined for employment in or about a coal mine.

(3) A certificate may state conditions or limitations as respects the nature of the work in or about a coal mine on which the person examined may be employed and may state that further examination is requisite after a period specified in the certificate.

(4) The arrangements made under paragraph (1) shall provide for any further medical examination stated to be requisite in such a certificate.

2.—(1) Where any person, in respect of whose medical examination arrangements are required to be made by the preceding regulation is employed, or about to be employed, in or about any coal mine, the manager shall, not later than four days from the beginning of such employment—

(*a*) give notice to the medical practitioner by whom that person is to be examined, including the name, address and age of that person, and

(*b*) give notice to that person requiring him to attend the medical practitioner for examination within thirty days of the beginning of his employment in or about that mine.

(2) Where any person in respect of whose further medical examination arrangements are required to be made by the preceding regulation is employed in or about any coal mine, the manager shall not later than four days before the end of the period specified in his certificate—

(*a*) give notice to the medical practitioner by whom that person is to be examined, including the name, address and age of that person and particulars of the certificate already issued to him, and

(*b*) give notice to that person requiring him to attend the medical practitioner for further examination within thirty days after the end of the period specified in that certificate.

3.—(1) No person, who has failed without reasonable cause to submit himself for medical examination or further medical examination in accordance with a notice given to him under the last preceding regulation, shall be employed in or about any coal mine until he has been medically examined or further examined, as the case may be, in accordance with these regulations.

(2) No person shall be employed in or about any coal mine, or employed in any particular capacity or in particular work in or about a coal mine, after the end of a period of fourteen days from the issue, after medical

examination in accordance with these regulations, of a certificate stating that he is unfit for any employment in or about a coal mine, or for employment in that capacity or in that work, as the case may be.

4.—(1) The manager of every coal mine shall keep at the office of the mine a register in a form approved by the Minister showing—

(*a*) the name, address, age and date of first employment of every person who is or has been employed in or about that mine and who is or was required to be medically examined in accordance with these regulations,

(*b*) such particulars of any notice given to that person to attend for medical examination or further examination and of any certificate issued after such examination as may be specified in that form, and

(*c*) in any case in which the employment of a person was determined in pursuance of regulation three, the date and reason therefor.

(2) The manager of any coal mine shall, if so requested by the manager of any other coal mine, send to him any such information recorded in the register with respect to any person as he may reasonably require to enable him to comply with these regulations with respect to the employment of that person at that other mine.

(3) A register kept in pursuance of this regulation shall not be destroyed or removed from the office of the mine without the approval in writing of the inspector of the division, and if the mine is abandoned it shall within three months of the abandonment be sent to the Minister or a person approved by him for preservation for such period as he may consider expedient for the purposes of these regulations.

5. These regulations shall come into operation on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and may be cited as the Coal Mines (Medical Examinations) General Regulations, 1952.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

John Maud,

Secretary
to the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations provide, with certain exceptions, for the medical examination of persons entering employment in or about coal mines and prohibit the employment there of any person on work for which he is found on examination to be unfit, or of any person who fails, without reasonable cause, to submit himself for examination.

Certificates of the fitness of a person examined are to be issued both to that person and to the manager of the mine concerned, and the manager is to keep in a register at the mine information necessary for the implementation of the regulations.