EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the 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, 1953, to 30th June, 1954.

1954 No. 833

The Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) (No. 2) Order, 1954

Made - - - - *24th June,* 1954
Coming into Operation *1st July,* 1954

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of June, 1954

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908(a), makes provision regarding the times during which certain persons employed in mines below ground may be below ground in a mine for the purpose of their work:

And Whereas by section four of that Act it is provided that Her Majesty may, in the event of, inter alia, great emergency, or in the event of any grave economic disturbance due to the demand for coal, or for the product of any other mines to which the Act applies, exceeding the supply available at the time, by Order in Council suspend the operation of the Act to such extent and for such period as may be named in the Order, either as respects all mines or any class of mines:

And Whereas circumstances existed such as contemplated by the said section four and the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1954(b), relating to the period ending on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, was made in exercise of the powers conferred by that section;

And Whereas circumstances still exist such as contemplated by the said section four and accordingly the powers conferred by the said section four are still exercisable:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her as aforesaid, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:—

(*a*) "the Act of 1908" means the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, as amended by the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1917(c), the Coal Mines Act, 1919(d), the Coal Mines Act, 1931(e), and the Coal Mines Act, 1932(f);

(*b*) "coal" means bituminous coal, cannel coal and anthracite.

(a) 8 Edw. 7. c. 57. (b) S.I. 1954/547, p. 478 above. (c) 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 8.
(d) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 48. (e) 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 27. (f) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 29.

2. 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-five, the operation of the Act of 1908 in relation to mines of coal is suspended so far as concerns the application of sections one and three thereof to workmen being below ground for the purpose of their work and of going to and from their work on any Friday after two o'clock in the afternoon and on any Saturday before two o'clock in the afternoon.

3. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) (No. 2) Order, 1954.

W. G. Agnew.

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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 purpose of their work, and of going to and from their work, to 7½ hours during any period of 24 hours. 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, on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings for the period from the expiry of the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1954, to 30th April, 1955.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1954 No. 594

The Coal Mines (Mechanics and Electricians) General Regulations, 1954

Made - - - -	*6th May*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	*14th May*, 1954
Coming into Operation	*1st September*, 1954

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

PART I

Appointment of mechanics of the mine and electricians of the mine

1.—(1) For every mine there shall be appointed by the manager in writing a competent person to be the mechanical engineer or the mechanic in charge and as many competent persons to be mechanics as may be required

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