These regulations amend the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Options and Constitution of Compensation Units) Regulations, 1946, so as to provide for the previous owner of such a right of superiority delivering a statement of interests under those regulations as a preliminary to claiming compensation under the Act in respect of his right. In cases where the right of superiority has been included in a statement of interests already delivered, no further statement is required; but in all other cases a statement may be delivered at any time after these regulations come into operation, and must be delivered within three months of the date when formal notice of the vesting as provided in these regulations is served upon the owner.

The regulations also provide that, where any such property vesting in the National Coal Board had previously as part of a larger property been subject to a feu duty, and that duty has not been allocated as between the property vesting in the Board, and the remainder, an allocation is now to be made. This may be done either:—

(*a*) in the course of the constitution of a compensation unit, for which purpose further amendments are made in the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Options and Constitution of Compensation Units) Regulations, 1946; or

(*b*) at the instance of the immediate vassal, under these regulations, if steps are not taken under (*a*).

B. ORDERS, &c., UNDER COAL MINES ACTS

(1) *Employment (Workers below Ground)*.
(2) *Explosives*, p. 528.
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(1) EMPLOYMENT (WORKERS BELOW GROUND)

The Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1948

1948 No. 868

Made - - - - *27th April*, 1948
Coming into Operation *1st May*, 1948

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of April, 1948

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

8. Edw. 7. c. 57.

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

And Whereas by section four of that Act, it is provided that His 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 His Majesty in Council in exercise of the powers conferred on Him as aforesaid was pleased to make the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1947(a), relating to the period ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight:

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

Interpretation.

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, the Coal Mines Act, 1919, the Coal Mines Act, 1931, and the Coal Mines Act, 1932; 7 Geo. 5. c. 8. 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 48. 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 27. 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 29.

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

Suspension of sections 1 & 3 of the Act of 1908 in relation to mines of coal.

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 forty-nine.

Commencement and citation.

3. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1948.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

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, 1947, to 30th April, 1949.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2505) I, p. 324.