COAL INDUSTRY

EMPLOYMENT BELOW GROUND

1953 No. 583

The Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	1*st April*, 1953
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1953

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 1st day of April, 1953

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Coal Mines Regulations 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 purposes 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 Her Majesty in Council in exercise of the powers conferred on Her as aforesaid was pleased to make the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1952(b), relating to the period ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-three:

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. 1952/753; 1952 I, p. 586. (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. 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.