7. EMPLOYMENT BELOW GROUND

1956 No. 622

The Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1956

Made - - - - *24th April,* 1956
Coming into Operation *1st May,* 1956

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of April, 1956

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 Her Majesty in Council in exercise of the powers conferred on Her as aforesaid was pleased to make the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1955(b), relating to the period ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six:

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.

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-seven, 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

(a) 8 Edw. 7. c. 57. (b) S.I. 1955/549 (1955 I, p. 462). (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

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 May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1956.

W. G. Agnew.

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 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, 1955, to 30th April, 1957.

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8. REFERENCES AND REGULATIONS

(1) REFERENCES

1956 No. 1784

The Mines and Quarries (References) Rules, 1956

Made - - - -	*7th November,* 1956
Laid before Parliament	*26th November,* 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st January,* 1957

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section one hundred and seventy of the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954(**a**), hereby makes the following rules:—

Form and service of counter-notice

1. Every counter-notice served by a person (hereinafter referred to as an "objector") under subsection (2) of section one hundred and seventy of the Act (being a counter-notice demanding a reference upon a notice served by an inspector on him) shall—

(*a*) be in the form specified in the first schedule to these rules or as near thereto as circumstances will admit; and

(*b*) be served in duplicate on the inspector who served the notice upon which a reference is demanded (that inspector being hereinafter referred to as "the inspector") within the period of twenty-one days from the date of service of that notice;

and in these rules "counter-notice" means a counter-notice which complies with the requirements of this rule.

(a) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 70.