(*c*) any occurrence, at a mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, while breathing apparatus or a smoke helmet or other apparatus serving the same purpose is in use, of a failure of that apparatus or helmet to function safely or of a defect therein likely to affect its safe working;

(*d*) any occurrence, at a mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, in which, forthwith after using and arising out of the use of breathing apparatus or a smoke helmet or other apparatus serving the same purpose, any person receives at the mine first aid or medical treatment by reason of his unfitness or suspected unfitness.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Mills,
Minister of Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This order, made under the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954, s. 117 (1), extends the provisions of s. 116 of that Act to certain special classes of dangerous occurrences at mines and quarries.

The effect of the order is that the manager of a mine or the owner of a quarry must, when there is such an occurrence at the mine or quarry, give notice thereof to the inspector for the district and to the employees' nominee, whether or not death or serious bodily injury has been caused. The classes of occurrences to which the order relates are specified in art. 2, and arise out of the use at mines or quarries of electricity, or blasting materials or devices, or the use at mines of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay of breathing apparatus, smoke helmets, or other apparatus serving the same purpose.

EMPLOYMENT BELOW GROUND

1957 No. 751

The Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	*29th April*, 1957
Coming into Operation	*1st May*, 1957

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 29th day of April, 1957

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

(a) 8 Edw. 7. c. 57.

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, 1956(a), relating to the period ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven:

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(b), the Coal Mines Act, 1919(c), the Coal Mines Act, 1931(d), the Coal Mines Act, 1932(e), and the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954(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-eight, 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 May, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1957.

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, 1956, to 30th April, 1958.

(a) S.I. 1956/622 (1956 I, p. 1449). (b) 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 8. (c) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 48.
(d) 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 27. (e) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 29. (f) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 70.