STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 321

MINES AND QUARRIES

EMPLOYMENT BELOW GROUND

The Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order 1963

Made - - - - 20*th February* 1963
Coming into Operation 21*st February* 1963

At the Court of Saint James, the 20th day of February 1963

Present,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother
Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon

Lord President **Mr. Wood**
Mr. Hare **Mr. Amery**

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twenty-second day of January, 1963, to delegate to the following Counsellors of State (subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned) or any two or more of them, that is to say, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And Whereas Her Majesty was further pleased to except from the number of the said Counsellors of State His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent while absent from the United Kingdom:

And 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 4 of that Act it is provided that Her Majesty may, in the event of war or of imminent national danger or 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:

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

And Whereas circumstances exist such as contemplated by the said section 4 and accordingly the powers conferred by the said section 4 are exerciseable:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her Majesty as aforesaid, and of all other powers enabling Her Majesty in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf 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:—

"the Act of 1908" means the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1908 as amended by the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act 1917(a), the Coal Mines Act 1919(b), the Coal Mines Act 1931(c), the Coal Mines Act 1932(d) and the Mines and Quarries Act 1954(e);

"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 30th April 1963 the operation of the Act of 1908 in relation to mines of coal is suspended so far as concerns the application of sections 1 and 3 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 21st February 1963 and may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order 1963.

E. N. Landale.

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 coming into force of the Order, to 30th April 1963.

(a) 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 8. (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 48. (c) 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 27.
(d) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 29. (e) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 70.