STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 2128

CORONERS

The Coroners (Amendment) Rules 1974

Made - - - -	*12th December* 1974
Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1975

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 26 of the Coroners (Amendment) Act 1926(a) and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Coroners (Amendment) Rules 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1975.

2. After rule 18 of the Coroners Rules 1953(b) there shall be inserted the following rule:—

"18A —(1) Where a coroner holds an inquest on the body of a person whose death may have been caused by an accident or disease notice of which is required to be given to an inspector or other enforcing authority, the coroner shall adjourn the inquest unless the inspector or a representative of the enforcing authority is present to watch the proceedings and shall, at least four days before holding the adjourned inquest, give to the inspector or enforcing authority notice of the time and place of holding the adjourned inquest.

(2) In this rule "inspector" means an inspector appointed under section 19 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(c) and "enforcing authority" has the meaning assigned to it by section 18(7) of that Act."

Dated 9th December 1974.

Elwyn-Jones, C.

I concur,
Dated 12th December 1974.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

(a) 1926 c. 59. (b) S.I. 1953/205 (1953 I, p. 361). (c) 1974 c. 37.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Coroners Rules 1953 concerning the procedure at inquests by providing, in the case of deaths from industrial accidents or diseases, that the inquest must be adjourned unless an inspector appointed under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 or some other person on behalf of an authority responsible for the enforcement of that Act, is present. These Rules reproduce the effect of various statutory provisions which are repealed by the 1974 Act as from 1st January 1975.

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