The Ironstone and Shale Mines (Locomotives) General Regulations, 1950

1950 No. 923

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The Minister of Fuel and Power in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 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:—

Application of Coal Mines (Locomotives) General Regulations, 1949, subject to modifications.

1. The Coal Mines (Locomotives) General Regulations, 1949(b), shall apply to every mine of stratified ironstone or of shale, subject to the modifications specified in these regulations.

2. In regulation nine (which contains provision concerning the construction of rail tracks and clearances) there shall be substituted:—

(*a*) for sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (3) (in relation to the weight of rail), the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*a*) if no locomotive in the mine exceeds three and one half tons in weight, than twenty-four pounds;"

(*b*) for sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (4) (in relation to the construction of tracks), the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*a*) the distance between the centres of adjacent sleepers does not exceed:—

(i) if no locomotive in the mine exceeds three and one half tons in weight, three feet; or

(ii) in any other case, two feet nine inches;"

(*c*) for sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (6) (in relation to clear spaces), the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*a*) below the roof or its supports:—

(i) in a road in which any locomotive was used, or for use in which any locomotive was required to be delivered under a contract made, before the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, one foot;

(ii) if the locomotive is fitted with a covered cab, one foot;

(iii) in any other case, so much as to enable the driver to stand upright in the locomotive;"

3. In the application to any mine of shale of regulation twenty-three (which relates to drivers of locomotives) there shall be substituted therein for the words "twenty-one years of age" the words "eighteen years of age".

4. The following regulation shall be substituted for regulation twenty-four (which provides for the position of locomotives and trucks and use of red lights):—

"Position of locomotives and trucks and use of lights.

24.—(1) No locomotive shall be used in any mine for moving any truck otherwise than by hauling from in front except—

(*a*) during shunting operations, or

(*b*) in a road in which one or more locomotives were used for moving material before the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine;

(a) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50. (b) S.I. 1949 (No. 530) I, p. 697.

and, where any truck is moved otherwise than by hauling from in front by virtue of sub-paragraph (*b*), a white light visible at a distance of two hundred feet shall be attached at the front thereof (or, if more than one truck is being moved by the same locomotive, at the front of the leading truck):

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply to the use of any locomotive to move a single truck in a working place distant from the face less than four hundred yards.

(2) Except during shunting operations, no truck containing timber or other materials exceeding in length the length of the truck shall be coupled next to the locomotive or to any truck in which any person is being conveyed.

(3) A red light visible at a distance of two hundred feet shall be attached at the rear of the last truck of each train in any mine, and at the rear of each unattached locomotive:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any train or locomotive distant from the face less than four hundred yards."

5. In regulation twenty-eight the following proviso shall be inserted at the end of paragraph (4) (which prohibits smoking and the use of naked lights and certain lamps in or within ten yards of any filling station):—

"Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in relation to any filling station constructed before the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, in a mine in or for which any diesel locomotive was then in use or was required to be delivered under a contract made before that date."

6. The following regulation shall be substituted for regulation thirty-one (which prohibits the use of a diesel locomotive if its exhaust contains gas exceeding a specified quantity of carbon monoxide or of oxides of nitrogen):—

"31. A diesel locomotive shall be deemed to have a defect liable to affect its safe running if gas from its exhaust is found to contain more—

(*a*) if the locomotive was in use before the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, or was required to be delivered under a contract made before that date, than four parts of carbon monoxide, or one and one half parts of oxides of nitrogen, per thousand;

(*b*) in any other case, than two parts of carbon monoxide, or one part of oxides of nitrogen, per thousand."

7. These regulations may be cited as the Ironstone and Shale Mines (Locomotives) General Regulations, 1950, and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day after the date hereof.

Dated this sixth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Donald Fergusson,
Secretary to the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations make the following modifications in the Coal Mines (Locomotives) General Regulations, 1949, for the purpose of their application to ironstone and oil shale mines:—

(*a*) if no locomotive in the mine weighs more than 3½ tons, the weight of rail in tracks may be 24 lb. per yard instead of 40 lb. and sleepers may be 3 ft. apart instead of 2 ft. 9 in.;

(*b*) the clearance above the locomotives in roads is to be 1 ft. not only where the locomotive is fitted with a driver's cab, but also where it was in use or on order before 1st May, 1949;

(*c*) the minimum age for drivers employed in shale mines in the haulage of persons is reduced from 21 to 18;

(*d*) locomotives may be used for moving trucks otherwise than by hauling from in front in working places within 400 yards of the face, if the trucks are moved singly, or in roads in which material was moved before 1st May, 1949, if a white light is carried on the leading truck;

(*e*) the prevention of smoking, etc., in or within 10 yards of any filling station is not to apply if the filling station was constructed before 1st May, 1949, in a mine where a locomotive was in use or on order before that date;

(*f*) the proportion of carbon monoxide or oxides of nitrogen in the exhaust gas of a locomotive which is deemed to constitute a defect is increased from two parts per thousand to four, and one part per thousand to one and one half, respectively, where the locomotive was in use or on order before 1st May, 1949.

The Coal Mines (Certificates of Competency) (Copies) Order, 1950

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The Minister of Fuel and Power in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section thirteen of the Coal Mines Act, 1911(**a**), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following order:—

1. The fee to be paid for a copy of any certificate of competency certified by the person who keeps the register shall be seven shillings and sixpence.

2. The Order of the Secretary of State, dated the twelfth day of October, 1912(**b**), is hereby revoked.

(**a**) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50. (**b**) S.R. & O. 1912 (No. 1538) p. 508.