Part VI regulates the placing, drilling, cleaning, charging and stemming of shot holes, and the firing of shots electrically and by safety fuse. Provision is made for the giving of warning in every case where a shot may blow through into another place; for the withdrawal from the danger zone likely to be created by the shot of persons within that zone, or the taking of proper shelter; and for the taking of appropriate precautions after the firing of any shot to ensure that working may be resumed safely.

Additional provisions relating to shot firing in shafts, winzes and raises are contained in Part VII.

Miss-fires are dealt with in Part VIII. Regulation 36 lays down when a shot is to be treated as a miss-fire, and regulation 37 specifies the general precautions to be taken in the event of a miss-fire. There must, under regulation 38, at all times be in force a scheme specifying the procedure to be followed after any miss-fire.

Part IX of the regulations restricts the use of blasting materials and devices in mines in any part of which only locked safety-lamps may be used.

An inspector is empowered (reg. 3) to exempt any mine or part of a mine or any thing at a mine from the application of any provision of the regulations, if he is satisfied that the safety of persons employed at the mine will not be prejudiced thereby.

These regulations revoke—

(*a*) all special regulations, made under the 1954 Act and in force at certain individual mines, relating to the supply, storage or use of blasting materials or devices; and

(*b*) all special rules relating to the use of explosives established at particular mines under the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act, 1872, and continued in force as regulations by the 1954 Act.

OPERATION (QUARRIES)

1959 No. 547

The Ironstone Restoration Fund (Contributions) (Rate of Interest) Order, 1959

Made - - - -	23*rd March*, 1959
Coming into Operation	1*st April*, 1959

Whereas by subsection (3) of section 4 of the Mineral Workings Act, 1951(a), power is conferred upon the Treasury to determine from time to time the rate of interest to be paid on any sum recoverable by virtue of the said subsection.

Now, therefore, the Treasury, in pursuance of the said subsection (3), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. The rate of interest payable on any sum recoverable by virtue of the provisions of subsection (3) of section 4 of the Mineral Workings Act, 1951, shall be five per cent. per annum.

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 60.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Contributions) (Rate of Interest) Order, 1959.

(2) The Ironstone Restoration Fund (Contributions) (Rate of Interest) Order, 1958(a), is hereby revoked.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Order shall come into force on the first day of April, 1959.

Dated this twenty-third day of March, 1959.

R. Brooman-White,
Martin Redmayne,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Under the Mineral Workings Act, 1951, operators of certain ironstone mines have to pay a contribution to the Ironstone Fund within one month of the end of each financial year. Section 4 (3) provides that under-payments or over-payments should be recoverable by or from the Minister with interest at such rate as may from time to time be determined by the Treasury.

By this Order the Treasury now determine that the rate should be reduced from six per cent. per annum (which has been in force since 1st April, 1958 (S.I. 1958/544)) to five per cent. per annum.

SAFETY HEALTH AND WELFARE (QUARRIES)

1959 No. 2259

The Quarries (Explosives) Regulations, 1959

Made - - - -	*23rd December,* 1959
Laid before Parliament	*5th January,* 1960
Coming into Operation	*1st February,* 1960

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(a) S.I. 1958/544 (1958 I, p. 1512). (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.