EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules prescribe the circumstances in which the signals of distress prescribed by the Collision Regulations (Ships and Seaplanes on the Water) and Signals of Distress (Ships) Order 1953 (S.I. 1953/1557) are to be used by ships and the circumstances in which such signals of distress, if sent by radio, are to be revoked. The Rules implement provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, relating to the misuse of signals of distress.

SHIPS AND SHIPOWNERS

1954 No. 679 (C. 6)

The Merchant Shipping Act, 1954 (Commencement) Order, 1954

Made - - - - *20th May,* 1954

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 3 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1954(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1954, shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1954.

2. 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 may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Act, 1954 (Commencement) Order, 1954.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this 20th day of May, 1954.

(L.S.) *N. A. Guttery,*
A Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

MINES AND QUARRIES

1954 No. 84

The Metalliferous Mines (Amendment) General Regulations, 1954

Made - - - - *23rd January,* 1954
Laid before Parliament *26th January,* 1954
Coming into Operation *7th February,* 1954

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section eighty-six of the Coal Mines Act, 1911(c), as applied by

(a) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 18. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 50.

section nineteen of the Mining Industry Act, 1920(a), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby orders that the following regulations shall have effect:—

1. In the Metalliferous Mines General Regulations, 1938(b), as amended by the Metalliferous Mines General Regulations, 1945(c), the following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of regulation thirty-one:—

"(*c*) The requirements of this regulation which relate to the construction of cables and other apparatus shall not apply before the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, to any cable or other apparatus installed on the surface, which was in use before the first day of July, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, and which had been constructed, or had before the said first day of July been adapted, so as to comply with the requirements in force immediately before that date relating to the construction of electrical apparatus at the mine in question:

Provided that the inspector of the division, by written notice served on the owner or agent, may direct that any such cable or other apparatus installed on the surface shall comply with any requirements of this regulation specified in the notice. If the owner or agent, within twenty days of the receipt of such notice, objects in writing to comply with any requirement so specified, the matter shall be determined by arbitration in manner provided by the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act, 1872."

2. These regulations shall come into operation on the fifteenth day after the date hereof, and may be cited as the Metalliferous Mines (Amendment) General Regulations, 1954.

Dated this twenty-third day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

Geoffrey Lloyd,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations fix the 1st September, 1955, as the date by which certain cables and other electrical apparatus installed on the surface at metalliferous mines must comply with the requirements relating to their construction in the Metalliferous Mines General Regulations, 1938, subject to any exemption or relaxation granted by the Minister of Fuel and Power under those regulations. The cables and apparatus in question are those which were in use before the 1st July, 1938, and which had been constructed, or which had before that date been adapted, to comply with the requirements then in force; hitherto they have all been exempted from the requirements of the 1938 regulations.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 50.
(b) S.R. & O. 1938/630 (Rev. XV, p. 33: 1938 II, p. 2124).
(c) S.R. & O. 1945/1351 (Rev. XV, p. 33: 1945 I, p. 794).