The regulations provide that where any ropeway or vehicle is so used at a quarry the appropriate person (i.e. the manager or, in certain circumstances, the owner) shall make and secure the enforcement of travelling rules for securing the safe carriage of persons by these means, and require certain particular matters to be provided for in the rules. The regulations further provide that an inspector may, by notice served on the appropriate person, require such addition or amendment to be made to any of the rules as he considers necessary.

Provision is also made with regard to the design and construction of cages used on a ropeway; the maximum period for which ropes may be used in connection with the operation of ropeways or the hauling of vehicles; the capping of ropes used for hauling vehicles; the fitting of brakes and other safety devices to mechanically operated apparatus used for moving cages on a ropeway; the minimum age of persons operating mechanically operated apparatus used either for moving cages on a ropeway or for moving vehicles; and the minimum age of persons driving locomotives used for hauling vehicles.

The regulations require the appropriate person at a quarry to make a scheme for securing the regular inspection and testing of all mechanical and electrical apparatus used in connection with the operation of ropeways and vehicles and (in reg. 16) require inspections of tracks of rails to be carried out at specified intervals.

MUSCAT

1958 No. 144

The Muscat (Amendment) Order, 1958

Made - - - -	*28th January*, 1958
Laid before Parliament	*3rd February*, 1958
Coming into Operation	*6th February*, 1958

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of January, 1958

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance and other lawful means Her Majesty The Queen has jurisdiction within the territories of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman;

And Whereas provision was made for the exercise of such jurisdiction by the Muscat Order, 1955(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Order");

And Whereas it is now expedient to make certain amendments to the Principal Order;

(a) S.I. 1955/1641 (1955 I, p. 1211).

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred by the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1890 and 1913(a), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Principal Order shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions:—

(1) In the definition of "British aircraft" in Article 4 the words "or in India" shall be deleted, and there shall be added the word "India" immediately after the words "Union of South Africa".

(2) In the definition of "British ship" in Article 4 the words "or in India" shall be deleted, and there shall be added the word "India" immediately after the words "Union of South Africa".

(3) In sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph 1 of Article 8 there shall be added the word "India" immediately after the words "Union of South Africa".

(4) There shall be added to Article 8 the following proviso:

"Provided that the powers conferred by this Order shall not extend to such other classes of persons as may be agreed from time to time between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Sultan and specified by Queen's Regulation made under Article 81 of this Order".

(5) The following shall be added after paragraph (3) (*e*) of Article 81:—

"(*f*) For the purposes specified in the proviso to Article 8 of this Order".

(6) In Article 29 (1) for the words "Article 27" there shall be substituted the words "this Order".

(7) The following Article shall be added after Article 40:—

40 A (1) The Secretary of State may, either upon the recommendation of Her Majesty's Political Resident, or upon such medical evidence or other grounds as he may think fit, mitigate or remit any punishment awarded by the Chief Court or by the Consular Court.

(2) Nothing in this Order shall affect Her Majesty's prerogative of mercy.

(8) In Article 8 of the Third Schedule the words "or in India" shall be deleted, and there shall be added the word "India" immediately after the words "Union of South Africa".

(9) In Article 13 of the Third Schedule for "Article 19 (1)" substitute "Article 11 (1)".

(10) In Article 14 of the Third Schedule for "Articles 16 and 19" substitute "Articles 8 and 11" and for "Article 17" substitute "Article 9".

2. Articles 48 to 53 inclusive of the Principal Order are hereby repealed.

3. This Order may be cited as the Muscat (Amendment) Order, 1958, and the Principal Order and this Order may be cited together as the Muscat Orders, 1955 and 1958.

4. This Order shall come into force on the sixth day of February, 1958.

And the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is to give the necessary directions accordingly.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37 and 3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 16.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Muscat Order, 1955 (referred to as " the Principal Order "). The amendments—

1. give effect to an agreement recently concluded between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Sultan of Muscat and Oman to transfer to him jurisdiction over Indian nationals;
2. enable effect to be given to similar agreements in the future without further amendment of the Principal Order;
3. extend the power of the Court to make an Order of deportation if any person fails to give security when lawfully required to do so under Article 27 to cases where any person fails to give security when lawfully required to do so under any provision of the Order;
4. give power to the Secretary of State to mitigate or remit any punishment awarded by the Courts. This power was formerly exercised by the Secretary of State under the Indian Code of Criminal Procedure which has now been repealed in its application to Muscat;
5. repeal the Articles of the Principal Order which have become unnecessary owing to the introduction of the Muscat Administration of Estates Regulation, 1957, (No. 1 of 1957) and the Muscat Probate and Administration Rules, 1957.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

1958 No. 714

The National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Amendment Rules Confirmation Instrument, 1958

Made - - - -	*28th April,* 1958
Laid before Parliament	*1st May,* 1958
Coming into Operation	*5th May,* 1958

Whereas the National Assistance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph 6 of the Fifth Schedule to the National Assistance Act, 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, made on the 28th day of April, 1958, the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Amendment Rules, 1958, which rules are set out in the Schedule to this instrument;

And Whereas by virtue of section 63 of the Act no rules made by the said Board shall take effect unless confirmed by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance:

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.