STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 1219

COAL INDUSTRY

The National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) Order 1975

Made - - -	*22nd July* 1975
Laid before Parliament	*1st August* 1975
Coming into Operation	*21st August* 1975

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 2(1) of the Coal Industry Act 1949(**a**) and now vested in him(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 21st August 1975.

(2) For the purposes of this Order "subsidiary" shall be construed in accordance with section 154 of the Companies Act 1948(**c**).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament; and section 38(2) of the Interpretation Act 1889 (which relates to the effect of repeals) shall apply to this Order as if this Order were an Act of Parliament and as if the Orders revoked by paragraph (4) of this Article were Acts of Parliament thereby repealed.

(4) The Orders specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

2. The National Coal Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") are hereby authorised to carry on the following activities outside Great Britain, that is to say:—

(*a*) in Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands and in other countries comprised in the European Coal and Steel Community, any activity which they may lawfully carry on in Great Britain;

(*b*) selling and supplying and transporting products of the carbonisation or distillation of coal (other than coke or other manufactured solid fuel) to destinations outside Great Britain on c.i.f. terms or other terms on which the property in the goods passes from the Board outside Great Britain;

(*c*) holding and dealing with patents and other rights in respect of inventions and rights in respect of designs, trade marks and copyright in any country;

(*d*) promoting, by maintaining representatives or engaging in publicity in any country, the sale and supply of coal and products of coal and other goods produced or manufactured by the Board or by any subsidiary of the Board;

(**a**) 1949 c. 53.
(**b**) S.I. 1957/48, 1969/1498, 1970/1537 (1957 I, p. 1439; 1969 III, p. 4797; 1970 III, p. 5293).
(**c**) 1948 c. 38. (**d**) 1889 c. 63.

(*e*) maintaining representatives in any country to facilitate the acquisition of machinery, equipment or materials required by the Board or by any subsidiary of the Board for use or consumption in any of the countries comprised in the European Coal and Steel Community;

(*f*) acquiring outside Great Britain any machinery, equipment or materials required by the Board or by any subsidiary of the Board for use or consumption in any of the countries comprised in the European Coal and Steel Community and transporting such goods to any of the countries comprised in the European Coal and Steel Community;

(*g*) acquiring coal outside Great Britain and selling and supplying such coal in and transporting it to any country;

(*h*) searching and boring for coal in the North Sea outside territorial waters but not beyond a distance of 10 miles from the coast;

(*i*) providing technical advice and services in relation to mining activities outside Great Britain;

(*j*) any activity incidental or supplementary to any of the aforesaid activities.

22nd July 1975.

Alexander Eadie,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Energy

SCHEDULE
ORDERS REVOKED

Column 1 *Orders revoked*	*Column 2* *References*
The National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) Order 1949.	S.I. 1949/2292 (1949 I, p. 675).
The National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) (Amendment) Order 1950.	S.I. 1950/1681 (1950 I, p. 354).
The National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1950.	S.I. 1950/1911 (1950 I, p. 355).
The National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) (Amendment) Order 1957.	S.I. 1957/389 (1957 I, p. 421).
The National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) (Amendment) Order 1972.	S.I. 1972/1979 (1972 III, p. 5900).

EXPLANATORY NOTE
(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order authorises the National Coal Board to carry on, outside Great Britain, the activities specified in Article 2. The Order supersedes the Orders mentioned in the Schedule (which are revoked by the Order) with the following changes of substance: the Board may now promote the sale in any country of coal products and other goods produced or manufactured by their subsidiary companies (Article 2 (*d*)); acquire abroad machinery and other goods required by their subsidiaries for use within the European Coal and Steel Community and maintain representatives abroad for this purpose (Article 2 (*e*) and (*f*)); and provide technical advice and services in relation to mining activities outside Great Britain (Article 2 (*i*)).

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