



Coal Act 1938

1938 CHAPTER 52

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

51 Acquisition of sites for pithead baths, and &c

The powers of the Railway and Canal Commission under the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Act, 1923, in relation to the grant of ancillary rights shall include power to make orders under that Act with a view to assisting the miners' welfare committee in the performance of their duty under section seventeen of the Mining Industry Act, 1926 or under subsection (1) of section three of the Mining Industry (Welfare Fund) Act, 1934 (which relate respectively to the provision of accommodation and facilities for workmen taking baths and drying clothes and of accommodation and facilities which can be conveniently and properly combined therewith) by conferring rights to use and occupy land for buildings, or any other right in respect of any land, upon trustees for the benefit of workpeople employed in or about coal mines.

52 Right to inspection and copies of Commission's plans of working

Any person who satisfies the Commission that he is interested in land that is supported by coal, or that was before the working thereof supported thereby, or in land situate below, adjoining, or near to coal, shall be entitled, upon making an application to the Commission and payment of such reasonable fee as may be prescribed in that behalf, to inspect at any time during usual office hours all plans of workings of that coal in the possession of the Commission, and to be furnished by them with a copy of, or of any part of, any such plan.

53 Prevention of disclosure of information

Any person who discloses any information obtained by him in the exercise of powers conferred upon him by section fourteen or section forty-eight of this Act shall be liable

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine :

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the disclosure of any information in so far as it is required to be published or disclosed for the purposes of the performance of functions to be performed under or by virtue of this Act by the Board of Trade, the Commission, the Central Valuation Board, a referee appointed under the Third Schedule to this Act, or a Regional Valuation Board, or for the purposes of any legal proceedings (including arbitrations), or in so far as it may be contained in any scheme submitted under section, thirteen of the Coal Mines Act, 1930.

54 Liability of directors, and c. of bodies corporate for offences

Where an offence under this Act committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any negligence on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate, he as well as the body corporate shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

55 Service of notices, and c

Any notice, application in writing or other document required or authorised to be served, made or delivered under this Act may be served, made or delivered either—

- (a) by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served, or to whom it is to be made or delivered; or
- (b) by leaving it at the usual or last known place of abode of that person; or
- (c) by sending it in a prepaid registered letter addressed to that person at his usual or last known place of abode; or
- (d) in the case of an incorporated company or body, the Central Valuation Board or a Regional Valuation Board, by delivering it to the secretary or clerk of the company, body or Board at their registered or principal office or sending it in a prepaid registered letter addressed to the secretary or clerk of the company, body or Board at that office; or
- (e) if it is not practicable after reasonable inquiry to ascertain the name or address of a person on whom it should be served, or to whom it should be made or delivered, as being a person having any interest in land, by addressing it to him by the description of the person having that interest in the premises (naming them) to which it relates, and delivering it to some person on the premises or, if there is no person on the premises to whom it can be delivered, affixing it, or a copy of it, to some conspicuous part of the premises.

56 Powers as to inquiries, and c

The Board of Trade Arbitrations, &c. Act, 1874 (which relates to the powers of the Board of Trade with respect to inquiries, appointments and other matters under special Acts) shall apply as if this Act were a special Act within the meaning of the first mentioned Act.

57 Reports to Board of Trade

The Commission shall—

- (a) after receiving the certified valuations from the respective Regional Valuation Boards under subsection (6) of section seven of this Act forthwith transmit the same to the Board of Trade, and the Board shall as soon as may be lay before Parliament statements showing the total amounts of the certified valuations in each region in respect of principal and subsidiary coal hereditaments respectively; and
- (b) annually, at such date and in such form as the Board of Trade may direct, make to the Board a report as to their proceedings under this Act during the preceding year, and the Board shall lay every such report before Parliament, and the Commission shall also, if at any time they are directed by the Board so to do, make to the Board a report as to any matter relating to their functions specified in the direction.

58 Short title and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Coal Act, 1938.
- (2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.