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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This order is made under the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954, s. 190, which empowers the Minister of Fuel and Power to re-enact (to the extent to which they could be enacted in regulations made under the Act and subject to modifications of the kind specified in that section) the provisions of regulations and enactments which will cease to have effect at the commencement of the Act.

The provisions set out as regulations in the first schedule to this order apply to all mines except mines of coal, stratified ironstone, shale and fireclay. Part II of these regulations requires the keeping of plans of the workings, and Part III makes provision for periodical inspections of various parts of the mine. Part IV lays down requirements with regard to shafts, staple-pits and outlets and winding and haulage apparatus therefor, and Part V sets out provisions relating to the carriage of persons and things through shafts, staple-pits and unwalkable outlets. The duties of persons operating winding apparatus are specified in Part VI. Provision is made in Part VII with regard to the passage of persons on foot in haulage roads and with regard to refuge holes and signalling in such roads, and Part VIII deals with lighting, lamps, and precautions against fire and inrushes, and prohibits the use of explosives except in accordance with regulations. Part IX makes provision with regard to machinery and winding and haulage ropes, and prohibits the installation of certain railway lines except in accordance with regulations. Part X sets out certain restrictions and prohibitions applicable to persons at mines to which the regulations apply, Part XI deals with the welfare of persons employed at such mines, and Part XII contains certain miscellaneous provisions.

The regulations comprise, and will at the commencement of the Act replace, provisions of the regulations and enactments specified in the second schedule to the order.