
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Stratified Ironstone, Shale and Fireclay
Mines (Explosives) Regulations 1956**

PART IX

Apparatus and explosives for killing horses

51.—(1) Nothing in Parts II to VIII of these regulations except regulation four shall apply to such apparatus or such cartridges of explosives as are approved by the Minister for use in mines for destroying horses.

(2) No person shall take or use below ground in any mine for any other purpose any such apparatus or cartridge.

52. The manager of every mine shall ensure that horse killing apparatus is—

- (a) kept in the custody of a competent person appointed by him and used only by that person or under his close personal supervision;
- (b) cleaned and examined immediately after use on any occasion.

53.—(1) The manager of every mine shall ensure that cartridges for horse killing are issued from the explosives store only to a person appointed to have custody of horse killing apparatus and in a case or box with a lock provided by the owner of the mine.

(2) No person shall put any cartridge for horse killing into a receptacle containing any other kind of explosive or a detonator.

(3) Every person having a case or box of cartridges for horse killing shall keep it separate from any other receptacle containing explosive or detonators and shall keep it locked.

(4) No person shall remove any cartridge for horse killing from its case or box below ground until it is required for immediate use.

54.—(1) In any part of a mine, being a part in which the use of lamps or lights, other than permitted lights, is unlawful, no person shall fire a shot with horse killing apparatus unless immediately before firing he or a superior official of the mine has made tests for the presence of inflammable gas throughout every accessible place within thirty feet of the place where the shot is to be fired and it has been found safe for the firing of that shot.

(2) Every such test shall be made with a locked flame safety-lamp of a type approved by the Minister for the purpose of deputies' inspections, a methanometer of a type approved by the Minister or other apparatus of a type approved by the Minister for the purpose.

(3) No person shall fire a shot with horse killing apparatus if on any such test made with respect to that shot there has been found a firedamp content exceeding one and a quarter per cent. or an indication of gas on the lowered flame of a safety-lamp has been seen at any place in the general body of the air.