

1960 No. 1738

The Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) (Variation) Regulations, 1960

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The Minister of Power, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by section one hundred and forty-one and subsection (1) of section one hundred and forty-three of the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954(a), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) (Variation) Regulations, 1960, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and sixty, except that as regards mines licensed by the National Coal Board under section 36 (2) (a) of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946(b) (which relates to mines where the number of persons employed below ground is not likely to exceed, or greatly to exceed, thirty) they shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

2. The Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) Regulations, 1956(c), shall have effect subject to the modification that after regulation ten thereof there shall be inserted the following regulation:—

“ *Stone dust barriers*

10A.—(1) In every area of a mine of coal—

- (a) in which there are one or more lengths of road on which any coal (other than anthracite) is carried by means of a conveyor, and
- (b) which is an area throughout which the flame that may be caused by an ignition of inflammable gas or dust occurring at a working coal face or at such other place as the manager may determine is likely to extend,

the manager shall ensure that stone dust barriers of a type approved by the Minister are provided and maintained in or near to one or more such lengths of road.

(2) The manager shall prepare a scheme in respect of each such area specifying the position and type of each such barrier and such scheme or a copy thereof shall be kept at the office at the mine or at such other place as an inspector may approve.

(3) If an inspector is of the opinion that for reasons of safety it is advisable that the scheme should be amended, he may serve on the manager a notice stating that he is of that opinion and requiring him to make such amendment to the scheme as may be specified in the notice.

(4) The provisions of Part XV of the Act with respect to references upon notices served by inspectors shall apply to a notice served under the last preceding paragraph, and the relevant grounds of objection shall be that compliance with any requirement sought to be imposed by, or by virtue of, the notice is wholly, or to a particular extent, unnecessary, inadvisable for reasons of safety or impracticable.

(5) In this regulation "conveyor" means a single conveyor not less than one hundred and fifty feet long, or two or more conveyors operating as one unit which together are not less than one hundred and fifty feet long."

Dated this twenty-first day of September, nineteen hundred and sixty.

Richard Wood,
Minister of Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) Regulations, 1956, made by the Minister of Power under the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954, relate to the precautions required to be taken at mines in which coal is worked to minimise the amount of inflammable dust in, or which could be raised into, the air below ground in such mines.

These regulations vary those Regulations by introducing a new regulation 10A requiring the manager to ensure the provision and maintenance in certain areas of mines of coal of stone dust barriers in or near to roads on which coal (other than anthracite) is carried by means of certain conveyors. The manager must prepare a scheme in respect of each area specifying the position and type of each barrier in the area, and he can be required to amend the scheme by an inspector who thinks it advisable for reasons of safety.