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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 635**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989**

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**THE ELECTRICITY AT WORK REGULATIONS 1989**

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — PROVISIONS APPLYING TO MINES ONLY AND HAVING EFFECT IN PARTICULAR IN RELATION TO THE USE BELOW GROUND IN COAL MINES OF FILM LIGHTING CIRCUITS

1. In this Schedule, “film lighting circuit” means any electric circuit...
2. A film lighting circuit shall not be used unless—
3. The manager shall make, and ensure the carrying out of,...
4. The manager shall make suitable rules with respect to the...
5. No person shall fire any shot or round of shots...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — REVOCATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

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1. The Mines and Quarries Act 1954 shall be modified as...
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3. The Shipbuilding and Ship-repairing Regulations 1960 shall be modified as...
4. Section 1(4) of the Mines Management Act 1971 (which relates...

Explanatory Note

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