



Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969

1969 CHAPTER 6

PART VII

RECORDS, RETURNS AND INFORMATION

112 Form of official books and preservation and inspection of entries therein.

- (1) Every book which, in pursuance of this Act or regulations [^{F1} or health and safety regulations which expressly apply to all mines, any class of mine to which the mine belongs or the mine], is provided by the owner of a mine for the purpose of the entry therein of any report, record or other item of information shall be in such form as [^{F2} the Executive] may direct.
- (2) Every entry made in any such book as aforesaid or a copy of that entry shall be preserved until the expiration of three years after the date on which it was made or such other period (whether longer or shorter) as may be prescribed for an entry of any class and, until no longer required to be preserved, shall be kept at the office at the mine to which it relates or at such other place as may be approved by [^{F2} the Executive] and be open to inspection by, or by a person authorised in that behalf in writing by, any person employed at that mine.

F1 SR 1980/333

F2 SR 1999/150

113 Records of certain appointments.

Where an appointment is made by the manager of a mine in pursuance of regulations having effect by virtue of section 12(1), or in pursuance of section 13(1) or regulations having effect by virtue of section 13(2) or in pursuance of section 42 the manager shall forthwith make a record thereof; and a record made in pursuance of this section shall be preserved until the expiration of twelve months after the ending of the appointment evidenced thereby and, until no longer required to be preserved, shall be kept at the office at the mine to which that appointment is referable or at such other place as

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may be approved by^[F3] the Executive] and be open to inspection by, or by a person authorised in that behalf in writing by, any person employed at that mine.

F3 SR 1999/150

114 Provision of copies of this Act and other instruments.

At all times at which persons are employed at a mine there shall be provided thereat or near thereto suitable covered accommodation wherein shall be provided a copy of this Act ^[F4] and of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 ^{M1} and of every such instrument as the following which is in force with respect to the mine, namely, orders made under this Act, regulations, ^[F4] health and safety regulations], transport rules, support rules, any notice served under or by virtue of this Act ^[F4] or the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978] by^[F5] the Executive] or an inspector on the manager of the mine and any such rule regulating the conduct of persons as is mentioned in section 89(b); and all persons employed at the mine shall be entitled to have access to that accommodation for the purpose of inspecting the documents hereby required to be provided therein.

F4 SR 1980/333

F5 SR 1999/150

Marginal Citations

M1 1978 NI 9

115 Posting of notices.

(1) At all times at which persons are employed at a mine there shall be kept posted thereat—

- (a) a notice of the name of the mine, the name and address of the owner thereof and the name of the manager thereof;
- (b) a notice of the name of^[F6] the Executive] and an address approved by^[F6] the Executive] as the address to which communications to^[F6] the Executive] on matters in connection with this Act may be sent; and
- (c) a notice specifying the situation of the accommodation provided in pursuance of section 114.

(2) Where, in the case of a mine,—

- (a) regulations affecting it are made; or
- (b) a notice is served under or by virtue of this Act by^[F6] the Executive] or an inspector on the manager of the mine;

notice of the making of the regulations or, as the case may be, of the service of the notice (specifying the regulations or, as the case may be, indicating the general nature of the notice) shall be kept posted at the mine at all times during the period of six months next following the making or service of the regulations or notice (or, in the case of a notice served by an inspector by virtue of section 125(3), the period for which the notice is effective) at which persons are employed at the mine.

(3) All notices required by this section to be posted at a mine shall be posted in such characters and in such positions as to be easily seen and read by the persons employed

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thereat, and if a form is specified by^{F6} the Executive] for any such notice, it shall be posted in that form.

F6 SR 1999/150

116 Furnishing to workers of information with respect to this Act and orders and regulations thereunder.

[^{F7}the Executive] may prepare and designate for the purpose of the issue thereof in accordance with the following provisions of this section to persons of any class employed at mines, a book containing such information with respect to so much of this Act, orders made thereunder and regulations as in^{F7} the Executive] 's opinion affects persons of that class, and such other information, if any, as it appears to^{F7} the Executive] requisite or expedient to bring to the notice of such persons, or may approve for the purpose aforesaid any such book prepared by or on behalf of an owner of mines; and, where a book is for the time being designated or approved by virtue of this section for the purpose of the issue thereof to persons of any class, it shall, in the case of every mine, be the duty of the manager—

- (a) to give (unless he has previously done so) a copy of that book to every person on any occasion on which, after the designation or approval of the book, he begins to be employed at that mine as a person of that class;
- (b) to give, as soon as it is practicable to do so, a copy of that book to every person who, at the time at which it is designated or approved, is employed at that mine as a person of that class.

F7 SR 1999/150

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118 Notification of beginning and ending of certain mining operations.

- (1) In any of the following events, namely,—
 - (a) the beginning of operations for the purpose of opening a mine or a seam or vein therein, the abandonment of a mine or a seam or vein therein, the expiration of the period of two months beginning with the day on which a mine or a seam or vein therein was last worked for the purpose of getting minerals or products thereof and the resumption of the working of a mine or a seam or vein therein after the abandonment thereof or after the expiration of such a period as aforesaid; and
 - (b) the beginning of operations for the purpose of driving a new shaft or new outlet of a mine, the abandonment of the use of a shaft or outlet of a mine, the expiration of the period of two months beginning with the day on which a shaft or outlet of a mine was last used and the resumption of the use of a shaft or outlet of a mine after the abandonment thereof or after the expiration of such a period as aforesaid;

the owner of the mine in question shall, within two weeks after the happening of that event, give notice thereof to^{F8} the Executive].

- (2) Where a mine or a seam or vein therein is abandoned after the day on which it was last worked for the purpose of getting minerals or products thereof but before the

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expiration of the period of two months beginning with that day, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the expiration of that period, and where the use of a shaft or outlet of a mine is abandoned after the day on which it was last used but before the expiration of the period of two months beginning with that day, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the expiration of that period.

F8 SR 1999/150

119 Notification of change of ownership or name of mine.

(1) Where a change occurs—

- (a) in the ownership of a mine; or
- (b) in the name of a mine;

the owner shall, within two weeks after the change occurs, give to^{F9} the Executive] a notice stating the particulars of the change.

(2) For the purposes of this section a name shall be deemed to be changed if the spelling thereof is altered.

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