

FIRST SCHEDULE

THE MISCELLANEOUS MINES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1956, HAVING EFFECT AS IF MADE UNDER SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE OF THE MINES AND QUARRIES ACT, 1954

PART VIII

Lighting, lamps, explosives, precautions against fire and intrushes

Lighting

27. The manager of every mine shall secure the provision and maintenance of suitable and sufficient lighting at such entrances below ground to each shaft or outlet and at such sidings provided in relation thereto as are regularly used whenever persons are working thereat or walking there through.

Lamps

28. The manager of every mine in which or in part of which the use of lamps or lights, other than permitted lights, is unlawful shall make and ensure the efficient carrying out of arrangements to secure that no safety-lamp is taken for use below ground in that mine or part unless it has since last in use been thoroughly examined and found to be in safe working order and unless it is securely locked.

29. No person employed below ground at a mine shall leave his working place without taking his portable lamp or light with him.

Explosives

30. No person shall take into or use in any mine any blasting material or device except in accordance with regulations applicable to that mine.

Precautions against fire

31. At every building or structure at or adjoining the top of a shaft or outlet and in every engine room, motor room or boiler gallery, being a building, structure, room or gallery in the construction of which timber is used, there shall be provided and maintained suitable and sufficient means of extinguishing any fire thereat.

32.—(1) No inflammable material shall be used in the construction of any room or compartment containing electrical apparatus below ground in any mine, or inside any such room or compartment in proximity to such apparatus, unless the apparatus is so constructed, protected and worked as to obviate the risk of fire.

(2) No oil or other inflammable material shall be stored in any place below ground containing electrical apparatus.

33. At any place below ground in any mine at which electrical apparatus immersed in more than one hundred gallons of oil in the aggregate is installed the manager shall secure the provision of suitable and sufficient means for localising and extinguishing any fire resulting from the ignition of the oil.

34. No loose material which is burning shall be left unattended below ground otherwise than in pursuance of section seventy-nine or section eighty of the Act.

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35. No calcium carbide shall be taken below ground otherwise than in a lamp or in a water-tight metal container.

Precautions against inrush of liquid or gas

36. Without prejudice to the obligation imposed by section seventy-seven of the Act, where at any time there is reasonable cause to apprehend that any working in a mine is within one hundred and twenty feet of a place which may contain an accumulation of water or other liquid matter or noxious gas—

- (a) the working shall not be more than eight feet in width or eight feet in height;
- (b) there shall constantly be kept in advance of the face of the working at least one bore hole not less than ten feet in length in igneous rock or fifteen feet in length in other strata; and
- (c) there shall be kept such flank, roof and floor bore holes of similar length as may be necessary to ensure that any water or other liquid matter or gas in that place will be tapped in the first instance by a bore hole.