



Mines and Quarries Act 1954

1954 CHAPTER 70 2 and 3 Eliz.2

PART III

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE (MINES)

Provisions for securing safe Ingress and Egress

[^{F1}23] **Communications between shafts and outlets in coal, &c., mines.**

- (1) So long as, in a mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, more than one shaft or outlet is available to any persons employed below ground in the mine for affording to them means of ingress and egress, there shall be provided and maintained between—
 - (a) each entrance to each shaft or outlet that is available to those persons for that purpose, being an entrance whereby those persons gain access to the shaft or outlet from the workings; and
 - (b) some point or points on another shaft or outlet so available;
a communication following a reasonably short and reasonably convenient route.
- (2) The height of every communication provided in pursuance of the foregoing subsection shall be maintained throughout at not less than [^{F2}1.5 metres] and the width of every such communication shall be maintained throughout at not less than [^{F2}1.2 metres]:
Provided that—
 - (a) . . . ^{F3}
 - (b) if an inspector is satisfied that, owing to special circumstances affecting a particular mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, it is inadvisable for reasons of safety or unnecessary, in the case of all or any of the communications provided as aforesaid therein, for the minimum height or width, or height and width, thereof to be as great as provided by the foregoing provisions of this subsection, he may, be notice served on the manager of the mine, direct that those provisions shall have effect in their application to those communications or to such of them as may be specified in the notice, with the substitution, for the minimum specified in the said provisions in relation

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to height, that so specified in relation to width or both of those minima, as the case may be, of such less minimum or minima as may be specified in the notice.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 22–25, 33–35 repealed (1.4.1989, in part, and 1.4.1994, fully) by S.I. 1988/1729, **regs. 1(1), 12(1)(a)**
- F2** Words substituted by S.I. 1976/2063, **Sch. Pt. I**
- F3** S. 23(2)(a) repealed by S.I. 1974/2013, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**

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