

**1976 No. 492****COAL INDUSTRY****The Coking Coal Grants (Extension) Order 1976***Laid before the House of Commons in draft**Made - - - - 25th March 1976**Coming into Operation 27th March 1976*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 8(4) of the Coal Industry Act 1973(a) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order, a draft of which has been laid before the Commons House of Parliament and approved by a resolution of that House in accordance with section 12(4) of the Coal Industry Act 1973:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Coking Coal Grants (Extension) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 27th March 1976.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The financial years of the National Coal Board during which grants may be made under section 8 of the Coal Industry Act 1973 shall include the financial years of the Board ending in March 1977 and in March 1978 respectively.

25th March 1976.

*Alexander Eadie,*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department of Energy.

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(a) 1973 c. 8.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

Section 8 of the Coal Industry Act 1973 empowers the Secretary of State to make grants to assist in securing supplies of coke for use in blast furnaces by the iron and steel industry in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the European Coal and Steel Community. Such grants are subject to the approval of the Treasury. Section 8(4) restricts the power to make such grants to the financial years of the National Coal Board ending in March 1974, 1975 and 1976, but enables the Secretary of State to extend by order the power to make such grants so that it may also be exercised in the financial years of the Board ending in March 1977 and March 1978. This Order extends the power to make such grants accordingly.

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