

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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HEALTH AND SAFETY
MINES AND QUARRIESThe Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust)
Temporary Provisions Regulations 1976*Made* - - - 7th June 1976*Laid before Parliament* 15th June 1976*Coming into Operation* 5th July 1976

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 15 (1), (2) and (3)(b) of, and paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and for the purpose of giving effect without modifications to proposals submitted to him by the Health and Safety Commission after the carrying out by the said Commission of consultations in accordance with section 50(3) of the said Act, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations which may be cited as the Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) Temporary Provisions Regulations 1976 shall come into operation on 5th July 1976 and shall cease to have effect on 30th September 1976.

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

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, where the production and transport of coal in any coal mine ceases for 21 or more consecutive days, those days shall be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the intervals not exceeding 30 days mentioned in regulation 7 of the Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) Regulations 1956(c), as amended(d).

(2) In the case of a length of road to which paragraph (2) of the said regulation 7 applies, paragraph (1) above shall apply only if not earlier than two working days before the production and transport ceased that length of road was treated with incombustible dust to the standard required by regulation 5 of the said regulations of 1956.

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7th June 1976.

(a) 1974 c. 37.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1956/1769 (1956 I, p. 1388).

(d) The relevant amending Instrument is S.I. 1974/2124 (1974 III, p. 8357).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations contain temporary provisions enabling the periods when a mine is out of production for 21 days or more to be disregarded in certain circumstances for the purposes of calculating the intervals within which dust samples must be taken under the Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) Regulations 1956.

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