

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Scheme consolidates the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit Scheme 1966 with the amendments made thereto. It provides for payment of benefit out of the National Insurance Fund in respect of disablement or death from certain diseases arising out of employment before 5th July 1948 in cases where neither workmen's compensation nor benefit under the Social Security Act 1975 is payable.

The Scheme provides for its administration by the Secretary of State and for adjudication of questions (except certain medical questions which are for determination by the medical board appointed under the Silicosis and Asbestosis (Medical Arrangements) Scheme 1931) by the statutory authorities established under the Social Security Act 1975.

The Scheme contains detailed provisions relating to claims and payments and provides for the application to the Scheme of the provisions of the Social Security Act 1975 and the regulations made under that Act which are specified in Schedule 3.

The Scheme also contains transitional provisions relating to the transfer to the Secretary of State and the aforesaid statutory authorities of the functions of administration and adjudication formerly exercised by the Administrative Board.