STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 2000

The Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Prescribed Occupations) Order 2007

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Prescribed Occupations) Order 2007 and shall come into force on the 10th August 2007.

(2) In this Order—

"the Act" means the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979;

"asbestosis" means fibrosis of the parenchyma of the lungs due to the inhalation of asbestos dust;

"asbestos textiles" means yarn or cloth composed of asbestos or of asbestos mixed with any other material;

"foundry" means those parts of industrial premises where the production of metal articles (other than pig iron or steel ingots) is carried on by casting (not being diecasting or other casting in metal moulds), together with any part of the same premises where any of the following processes are carried on incidentally to such production, namely, the drying and subsequent preparation of sand for moulding (including the reclamation of used moulding sand), the preparation of moulds and cores, knock-out operations and dressing or fettling operations;

"grindstone" means a grindstone composed of natural or manufactured sandstone and includes a metal wheel or cylinder into which blocks of natural or manufactured sandstone are fitted;

"mine" includes every shaft in the course of being sunk, and every level and inclined plane in the course of being driven, and all the shafts, levels, planes, works, tramways and sidings, both below ground and above ground, in and adjacent to and belonging to the mine, but does not include any part of such premises on which any manufacturing process is carried on other than a process ancillary to the getting or dressing of minerals or the preparation of minerals for sale;

"silica rock" means quartz, quartzite, ganister, sandstone, gritstone and chert, but not natural sand or rotten rock.

Prescribed occupations

2. For the purposes of paragraph 8(1) of the Schedule to the Act, the occupations prescribed in relation to the diseases to which the Act applies are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

Bill McKenzie Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions

12th July 2007