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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1956 No. 1778**

**MINES AND QUARRIES**

MISCELLANEOUS MINES

The Miscellaneous Mines Order, 1956

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THE MISCELLANEOUS MINES ORDER, 1956

1. (1) The provisions set out in the first schedule hereto,...
2. Any authority, certificate, determination, direction, exemption, permit or prescription given...
3. This order shall come into operation at the commencement of...  
Signature

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FIRST SCHEDULE — THE MISCELLANEOUS MINES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1956, HAVING EFFECT AS IF MADE UNDER SECTION ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE OF THE MINES AND QUARRIES ACT, 1954

PART I — Application

1. These regulations shall apply to mines other than mines of...

PART II — Plans

2. (1) It shall be the duty of the manager of...
3. (1) In the event of the abandonment of a mine...

PART III — Inspections of the mine

4. In every mine a competent person appointed for that purpose...
5. In every mine a competent person appointed for that purpose...
6. (1) In every mine a competent person appointed for that...

PART IV — Shafts, staple-pits and outlets and winding and haulage apparatus therefor

7. (1) Where access to any part of a mine in...

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*Brakes etc*

8. (1) Where mechanically operated winding apparatus or mechanically operated rope...

*Guides*

9. In every shaft and staple-pit provided with winding apparatus, being...

*Keys*

10. (1) In every shaft provided with a cage which is...

*Cages or carriages*

11. Every cage or carriage which is used for carrying persons...  
12. (1) The manager of every mine shall, in relation to...  
13. Every cage or carriage which is used for carrying vehicles...  
14. (1) Where mechanically operated winding apparatus is ordinarily used for...  
PART V — Provisions relating to carriage of persons and things through shafts, staple-pits and unwalkable outlets

*Banksmen*

15. (1) At every mine where persons are carried through a...

*Signals*

16. (1) In relation to each shaft, staple-pit and unwalkable outlet...  
17. No person other than a person authorised by the manager...

*Loading*

18. Where persons are to be carried through a shaft, staple-pit...  
19. (1) No minerals, equipment or materials (other than things which...  
20. Where a kibble is used in any shaft or staple-pit...  
PART VI — Duties of persons operating winding apparatus  
21. (1) A person operating any winding apparatus with which a...  
22. No person operating any winding apparatus shall allow any engine...  
PART VII — Haulage roads  
23. Nothing in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section thirty-nine...  
24. (1) For the purposes of section forty of the Act...  
25. (1) Where means of transmitting signals are provided in pursuance...  
26. A sufficient supply of suitable sprags, lockers or drags shall...  
PART VIII — Lighting, lamps, explosives, precautions against fire and intrushes

*Lighting*

27. The manager of every mine shall secure the provision and...

*Lamps*

28. The manager of every mine in which or in part...  
29. No person employed below ground at a mine shall leave...

*Explosives*

30. No person shall take into or use in any mine...

#### *Precautions against fire*

31. At every building or structure at or adjoining the top...
32. (1) No inflammable material shall be used in the construction...
33. At any place below ground in any mine at which...
34. No loose material which is burning shall be left unattended...
35. No calcium carbide shall be taken below ground otherwise than...

#### *Precautions against inrush of liquid or gas*

36. Without prejudice to the obligation imposed by section seventy-seven of...  
PART IX — Machinery and ropes

#### *General*

37. (1) No person shall clean any machinery which is in...
38. At every mine a competent person appointed for that purpose...

#### *Maintenance of winding and haulage apparatus*

39. At every mine a competent person appointed for the purpose...
40. (1) At every mine a competent person appointed for the...

#### *Ropes*

41. (1) No spliced rope shall be used for winding in...
42. No rope shall be used in winding apparatus in which...
43. (1) A competent person appointed for the purpose by the...

#### *Capels of winding and haulage ropes*

44. No capped rope shall be used in winding or haulage...
45. No capped rope shall be used in any haulage apparatus...
46. No capped rope shall be used at any time for...
47. (1) No rope which has been re-capped shall be used...
48. No rope having a capping containing white metal shall be...
49. No rope with a form of capping in which the...
50. No round rope to which a capel is attached by...

#### *Lifting machines*

51. (1) At every mine a competent person appointed for that...
52. Every crane, crab or winch operated by mechanical power and...

#### *Steam boilers*

53. (1) Every steam boiler at a mine shall be provided...
54. (1) Every steam boiler at a mine shall be provided...
55. Every water gauge attached to any steam boiler at a...
56. (1) Every steam boiler at a mine and all its...
57. A person who has made an examination of a steam...
58. (1) No new steam boiler shall be taken into use...

#### *Air receivers*

59. (1) Every air receiver at a mine shall—
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*Lines and sidings*

- 61. No lines of rails of a gauge of or exceeding...  
PART X — Discipline
- 62. No person shall be at a mine in a state...
- 63. No person shall travel by means of an aerial rope-way...
- 64. Except under the authority of an official of the mine,...
- 65. Any person who opens any door intended to direct the...
- 66. Except with the authority of an official of the mine,...
- 67. (1) Every person engaged at any working face (including a...
- 68. No person shall work on any ledge or other place...
- 69. Except in a shaft or staple-pit in the course of...  
PART XI — Welfare
- 70. No young person who has not attained the age of...
- 71. First aid
- 72. Changing and messing
- 73. Sanitary conveniences  
PART XII — Miscellaneous provisions

*Ladders*

- 74. (1) Any fixed ladder ordinarily in use below ground shall...

*Fencing*

- 75. The top of any hopper or kiln shall be kept...
- 76. Any gantry or platform (other than a temporary wheeling plank)...
- 77. Any road or way below ground which passes or crosses...

*Clearance of ledges*

- 78. It shall be the duty of the manager of every...

*Disused shafts*

- 79. No person shall descend any shaft or staple-pit which is...

*Assignment of duties to competent persons*

- 80. It shall be the duty of the manager of every...

*Reports of inspections and examinations*

- 81. Except in the case of any examination of a steam...

*Interpretation*

- 82. (1) In these regulations the following expressions have the meanings...

SECOND SCHEDULE — REGULATIONS AND ENACTMENTS CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF WHICH ARE RE-ENACTED WITH MODIFICATIONS IN  
THE MISCELLANEOUS MINES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS,  
1956

Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act, 1872, sections 14 and 19.  
Metalliferous Mines General Regulations, 1938

Explanatory Note