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EXPLOSIVES ACT

[Date of commencement: 1st July, 1931.]

An Act of Parliament to consolidate and amend the law relating to the manufacture, storage, sale, transport, importation, exportation and use of explosives

[Act No. 13 of 1929, Cap. 303 (1948), Act No. 30 of 1953, L.N. 342/1956, L.N. 343/1956, L.N. 172/1960, L.N. 173/1960, Act No. 28 of 1961, L.N. 761/1963, L.N. 2/1964, L.N. 124/1964, L.N. 236/1964, Act No. 21 of 1966, Act No. 12 of 1970, Act No. 18 of 1986, Act No. 11 of 2017.]

Preliminary

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Explosives Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**authorized explosive**” means any explosive specified in the Schedule, and any other explosive which the Minister may declare, by notice in the *Gazette*, to be an authorized explosive;

“**blasting material**” means any explosive used for the purpose of blasting;

“**Commissioner**” means the Director of Mines appointed under the Mining Act, 2016;

“**danger building**” means any building or part thereof used as an explosives factory or explosives magazine or in connection therewith, other than a building or part thereof in which no material of an explosive nature is made, used or kept, in respect of which—

- (a) the licence clearly indicates that it does not constitute a danger building; or
- (b) a certificate has been granted by an inspector to the effect that it does not constitute a danger building;

“**Director**” *deleted by Act No. 30 of 1953, s. 2;*

“**explosives**” means—

- (a) gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, blasting powders, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires and every other substance, whether similar to those herein mentioned or not, which is used or manufactured with a view to produce a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect;
- (b) any fuse, rocket, detonator or cartridge, and every adaptation or preparation of an explosive as herein defined; or
- (c) any other substance which the Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare to be an explosive,

but does not include ammunition as defined in the Firearms Act (Cap. 114);