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MINES

Mines (Emergency Egress) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . 26*th February* 1975

Coming into operation . . . 1*st October* 1975

WHEREAS in pursuance of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a) the Department of Commerce has published notice of its intention to make the following regulations and has not received any objection to the draft thereof in respect to which it is required to refer the draft regulations for inquiry and report:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 13, 29, 120 and 122 of the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Mines (Emergency Egress) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1975.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;

"the 1970 Regulations" means the Coal and Other Mines (Shafts, Outlets and Roads) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(b);

"the Department" means the Department of Commerce;

"mine" and "mechanically operated winding apparatus" have the meanings respectively assigned thereto in regulation 3.

Application

3. Except where the application thereof is further expressly limited these regulations shall apply to every mine at which the apparatus provided for carrying persons in pursuance of section 28 of the Act through shafts and unwalkable outlets provided at the mine for affording to persons employed below ground therein means of ingress and egress is mechanically operated winding apparatus and in these regulations unless otherwise expressly provided "mine" means such a mine and "mechanically operated winding apparatus" means such apparatus.

Schemes for emergency egress

4.—(1) The owner of every mine shall ensure that there is at all times in force a scheme providing for the provision and maintenance of apparatus for affording to persons employed below ground in the mine means of egress in an emergency for the purpose of such apparatus being constantly available for use in an emergency in the event of the mechanically operated winding apparatus failing to function.

(a) 1969 c. 6 (N.I.) (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 132 (p. 649)