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COAL AND OTHER MINES

Steam Boilers

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST JUNE 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 13(2), 81(2), 83, 84(2) AND 120 OF THE MINES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969.

WHEREAS in pursuance of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**a**) the Ministry 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 Ministry of Commerce in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 13(2), 81(2), 83, 84(2) and 120 of the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Coal and Other Mines (Steam Boilers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

Application

2. These regulations shall apply to every mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, and in these regulations "mine" means such a mine.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

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

"boiler minder" has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation 8;

"mine" has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation 2.

(2) Nothing in these regulations shall apply to any steam boiler forming part of a locomotive belonging to and used by a railway company.

(3) Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Act or by these regulations shall (unless the contrary intention appears) have the same meanings in any document issued under the provisions of these regulations.

Safety valves, steam gauges and water gauges

4. Every steam boiler, whether separate or one of a range, at a mine shall be provided with—

(*a*) a suitable safety valve; and

(*b*) a suitable steam gauge and a suitable water gauge to show respectively the pressure of steam and the height of water in that boiler.

5. Every water gauge attached to any steam boiler at a mine shall be provided with a suitable covering or guard unless it is so constructed as to be as safe to persons working or passing near-by as it would be if so protected.

(a) 1969. c. 6 (N.I.).