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MINES

Notification of Dangerous Occurrences

ORDER, DATED 1ST JUNE 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 99(1) OF THE MINES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Commerce is of opinion that the special classes of occurrences which are hereinafter specified are of so dangerous a nature as to render it expedient that notice should be given under section 98 of the Mines Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a) in every case thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 99(1) of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Mines (Notification of Dangerous Occurrences) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970.

Interpretation

2. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

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

"auxiliary fan" means a fan used or intended to be used below ground wholly or mainly for ventilating a heading, drift or blind end.

3. The provisions of the said section 98 of the Act are hereby extended to occurrences at a mine of each of the following special classes (whether death or serious bodily injury is thereby caused or not), that is to say occurrences in which—

(*a*) any gas, other than gas in a safety lamp, or dust is ignited below ground;

(*b*) any gas in a part of a firedamp drainage system on the surface or in an exhauster house is ignited accidentally;

(*c*) any fire breaks out below ground;

(*d*) any person, in consequence of any smoke or any other indication that a fire may have broken out below ground, has been caused to leave any place pursuant to paragraph (1) of regulation 13 of the Coal and Other Mines (Fire and Rescue) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(b), or section 79 of the Act;

(*e*) any fire breaks out on the surface endangering the operation of any winding or haulage apparatus installed at a shaft or unwalkable outlet, or any mechanically operated apparatus for producing ventilation below ground in the mine;

(*f*) there is any violent outburst of gas together with coal or other solid matter into the mine workings except when such an outburst is caused intentionally;

(a) 1969. c. 6 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 129.