

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 XII

Miscellaneous provisions

Ladders

74.—(1) Any fixed ladder ordinarily in use below ground shall be inclined at the most convenient angle which the available space allows and shall not in any case be in a vertical or overhanging position.

(2) Every ladder exceeding thirty feet in length and ordinarily in use below ground shall have substantial platforms at intervals of not more than thirty feet and unless strong hand holds are provided shall project at least three feet above each platform or landing.

Fencing

75. The top of any hopper or kiln shall be kept securely fenced.

76. Any gantry or platform (other than a temporary wheeling plank) shall be securely fenced on any open side if it would otherwise be dangerous to persons working on or passing along it, and any such gantry or platform shall be provided with a continuous skirting board not less than nine inches high on any open side.

77. Any road or way below ground which passes or crosses any sink or stope shall be securely fenced on any open side if it would otherwise be dangerous to persons passing along it.

Clearance of ledges

78. It shall be the duty of the manager of every mine to make and ensure the efficient carrying out of arrangements to secure that loose materials are not allowed to accumulate on ledges or landings from which they might fall and cause injury.

Disused shafts

79. No person shall descend any shaft or staple-pit which is not ordinarily used by any person, unless it has been ascertained, by the lowering of a flame lamp or otherwise, that it does not then contain any dangerous concentration of noxious gas.

Assignment of duties to competent persons

80. It shall be the duty of the manager of every mine to make and ensure the efficient carrying out of arrangements to secure that every inspection, examination or other thing required by these regulations to be carried out or done by a competent person appointed by him is assigned to a competent person so appointed. A manager may in any case appoint himself.

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Reports of inspections and examinations

81. Except in the case of any examination of a steam boiler in pursuance of regulation fifty-six or any inspection of first aid equipment in pursuance of paragraph (8) of regulation seventy-one, and subject (in the case of any examination of an air receiver) to the provisions of paragraph (2) of regulation sixty, any person who has made an inspection or examination required by these regulations to be made by a competent person appointed by the manager of the mine shall forthwith make and sign in a book provided for the purpose by the owner of the mine a full and accurate report of the result of the inspection or examination.

Interpretation

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

“the Act” means the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954;

“air receiver” means—

- (a) any vessel (other than a pipe or coil, or an accessory, fitting or part of a compressor) for containing compressed air and connected with an air compressing plant; and
- (b) any fixed vessel for containing compressed air or compressed exhaust gas and used for the purpose of starting an internal combustion engine;

“banksman” has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation fifteen;

“cage” includes skip or gig;

“kibble” includes any form of bucket, basket or barrel in which things may be raised or lowered in a shaft or staple-pit;

“mine” has the meaning assigned thereto in regulation one;

“steam boiler” means any closed vessel, whether separate or one of a range, in which for any purpose steam is generated at pressure greater than atmospheric pressure and includes any economiser used to heat water being fed to any such vessel and any superheater used for heating steam.

(2) 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.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.