

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Regulation 18 of the Coal and Other Mines (Shafts, Outlets and Roads) Regulations 1960 requires weekly, or in some cases daily, inspections of shafts, staple-pits and unwalkable outlets through which men are carried. By these regulations a provision is substituted requiring inspection of every part of a shaft, staple-pit or unwalkable outlet through any part of which men are carried, but enables an inspector to exempt part thereof from the requirement.

Regulation 19(6) requires apparatus, provided for attaching to the rope used in a shaft any cage, carriage or kibble, to be annealed or otherwise treated by heat at specified intervals. These regulations substitute new provisions to enable the Minister to specify in notices of approval relating to approved types of steel, the nature of the heat treatment (if any) and the appropriate intervals. In other cases the interval is to be six months, but inspectors may grant exemption if the material of the apparatus, the method of construction or its mode of use render annealing or other heat treatment unnecessary or impracticable.