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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Mines Regulations 2014

PART 3

CONTROL OF MAJOR HAZARDS

Transport systems

**Transport systems**

**41.**—(1) The mine operator must ensure that all vehicles, conveyors and traffic routes are designed, installed, operated and maintained in such a way as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of persons below ground at the mine.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the duty in paragraph (1), the mine operator must ensure that—

- (a) vehicles or conveyors do not run in any traffic route unless there is sufficient clearance so that no part of a vehicle or conveyor or of a load on them comes into contact with—
  - (i) the roof or sides of the traffic route or anything supporting them; or
  - (ii) other equipment;
- (b) so far as is reasonably practicable, no pedestrian is present in any traffic route when vehicles are moving on it, unless—
  - (i) there is safe and sufficient clearance between pedestrians and vehicles throughout the traffic route; or
  - (ii) there are adequate and sufficient places of refuge provided;
- (c) suitable and sufficient devices are provided—
  - (i) to prevent the accidental disconnection or movement of vehicles or conveyors below ground; and
  - (ii) to arrest runaway vehicles below ground; and
- (d) traffic routes are clearly identified.

(3) The duty in paragraph (2)(c) extends to all parts of a vehicle that may become uncoupled and move.

**Transport rules**

**42.** Rules required by regulation 12 must include rules for the purpose of ensuring the safe operation of vehicles, conveyors and traffic routes.