

desire to advance for special treatment in the determination of the standard tonnage of any coal mine to which his said statement relates on the ground of the special circumstances of the mine, including the efficiency and economy of the working of the mine, or the extent to which it has been developed, or is being developed for economic working, and the extent to which its output has been increasing or decreasing.

40. The Board shall determine an annual standard tonnage for each coal mine or undertaking and may, if they think fit, further distribute the standard tonnage fixed for any such mine or undertaking among the various classes of coal produced therefrom, provided that such distribution of the standard tonnages among classes of coal shall be effected for all coal mines or undertakings producing those classes of coal or any of them.

41.—(1) The method of determination of standard tonnages shall be as follows:—

The annual standard tonnage of each coal mine shall be the output of the coal mine during the year ended the 31st day of March, 1928, subject to such adjustment by the Board as shall have regard to the special circumstances of the coal mine (including the efficiency and economy of the working of the mine, the extent to which it has been developed or is being developed for economic working, and the extent to which its output has been increasing or decreasing).

(2) In any case where the standard tonnage cannot be ascertained by means of the above provisions, the Board may decide the basis of the standard tonnage and may determine the same on such basis having regard to the special circumstances of the mine as defined in the preceding sub-clause.

(3) After the determination of the Annual Standard Tonnages of each coal mine or undertaking every owner shall declare by notice in writing to the Secretary the monthly proportions in which he requires the Board to allocate the annual standard tonnage of his coal mine or undertaking for the twelve months of each year ending on the 30th day of April, or over such other period as the Board may prescribe, and if the Board shall be satisfied that such declared allocations are not prejudicial to the interests of other owners, they shall fix the allocated monthly tonnages as the Monthly Standard Tonnages of the coal mine or undertaking concerned. After the Board shall have fixed such Monthly Standard Tonnages the same shall not be altered by the owner concerned during the year in question, except with the written consent of the Board and in such manner as may be so sanctioned.

42. Notice of the standard tonnages so determined by the Board (including any special conditions attaching thereto and any provisions relating to the distribution of the standard tonnage for the year in unequal monthly quantities or the distribution of the tonnage among the classes of coal produced) and of the results of any such revision thereof as is hereafter mentioned in Clause 44 of the Scheme, shall immediately be given by the Board to all the owners.

43. If any owner is dissatisfied with any standard tonnage so determined and communicated to him as aforesaid, or with any special condition attaching thereto, or with the omission of any special condition desired by the owner, he may give notice of objection to the

Board at any time within fourteen days of such communication and the Board shall thereupon reconsider the matter and deliver their decision thereon without delay.

44. Subject to the provisions of Clause 45 of the Scheme, the Board may at any time review (whether upon an appeal by an owner or not) and if necessary revise and vary the standard tonnages or any of them and fix such revised standard tonnages as may seem to the Board fair and proper having regard to the special circumstances of each mine affected by the revision.

45. Where after the commencement of the Scheme an owner purchases or otherwise acquires any coal mine or undertaking the standard tonnage of the coal mine or undertaking so acquired added to the standard tonnage of any other coal mine or undertaking belonging to such owner, shall if the owner so desires constitute the standard tonnage of the combined undertaking and on any subsequent determination of standard tonnages, such combined undertaking shall be treated in the same way as if the standard tonnage so constituted were the standard tonnage of the combined undertaking under the last previous determination of standard tonnages for the District:

Provided that where an owner purchases or otherwise acquires part only of an undertaking in respect of which a standard tonnage has been determined under the Scheme, the proportion of that standard tonnage to be added to the standard tonnage of any other coal mine or undertaking belonging to such owner shall be determined by the Board, and that amount shall be deducted from the standard tonnage of the undertaking of which part has been so acquired.

#### *Determination of Quotas.*

46.—(1) The Board shall, as soon as the first District Allocation has been settled and thereafter from time to time, determine the proportion (hereafter in the Scheme referred to as "the quota") of the standard tonnage for the period covered by the quota that may be produced from each coal mine or undertaking, having regard among other matters to the estimated demand for the coal of the District during the period covered by the quota and to the output permissible under the District Allocation.

(2) If separate standard tonnages have been determined by the Board for any class or classes of coal, the Board may, if they think fit, determine a separate quota for any or all of such classes of coal.

(3) Any quota so determined shall cover a period not exceeding three months and shall be notified by the Board to all the owners not less than seven days before the commencement of the period to which such quota relates.

(4) Any quota so determined as respects coal or any class of coal shall be the same proportion of the standard tonnage for the period covered by the quota of coal, or of the class of coal, as the case may be, for all coal mines or undertakings.

(5) All quotas shall be so calculated that, during any period for which the District Allocation has been fixed that Allocation shall not be exceeded.

(6) The Board may at any time during the course of the period for which any quota has been determined increase the quota applicable to coal or to any class of coal and such increase