

COAL MINES ACT, 1930.

Whereas under the provisions of Section 1 of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, a scheme for regulating the production supply and sale of coal by owners of coal mines situated in the District of South Staffordshire (exclusive of Cannock Chase) and Worcestershire has been submitted to the Board of Trade by a majority of the owners of coal mines in that District:

Now therefore the Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the said Section hereby approve the scheme as printed in the Schedule hereto, and appoint 28th October, 1930, as the date on which the said scheme shall come into force.

E. Shinwell,

Secretary for Mines.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
London, S.W. 1.
24th October, 1930.

SCHEDULE.

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THE SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE (EXCLUSIVE OF CANNOCK CHASE) AND WORCESTERSHIRE DISTRICT (COAL MINES) SCHEME, 1930.

1. This Scheme may be cited as the SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE (exclusive of Cannock Chase) AND WORCESTERSHIRE DISTRICT (COAL MINES) SCHEME, 1930, and is hereinafter throughout referred to as "the Scheme," which expression shall include any amendment of the Scheme for the time being in force.

2. In the Scheme, unless the contrary intention appears—

"The Act" means the Coal Mines Act, 1930;

"The Central Scheme" means the Central (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, including any amendment thereof for the time being in force, and "The Central Council" means the Council for the time being constituted thereunder;

"Class" means, in relation to coal, a class determined according to the nature of the coal or of the trade, industry or other category of consumer supplied, or according to whether it be supplied for use in Great Britain or for export to any other country;

"Coal" includes bituminous coal, cannel coal and anthracite;

"Coal Mine" means any mine or open working in the District where the getting of coal is the principal object of the mining or quarrying operations;

"Disposal" in relation to a coal mine means the tonnage of saleable coal raised and weighed at the pit head at that coal mine after deducting all coal to be used for the purpose of working the mine and all coal to be supplied free or at reduced rates for the use of persons who are or have been employed in or about the mine and the dependants of persons who have been so employed;

"The District" means the South Staffordshire (exclusive of Cannock Chase) and Worcestershire District subject to the provisions of any Order of the Board of Trade under paragraph 2 of Part II of the Schedule to the Act,

directing that a coal mine situate in the District shall be treated as situate in an adjoining district;

"District Allocation" means the maximum permissible output for the District for any period as determined under the provisions of the Central Scheme;

"The District Fund" means the District Fund constituted by and established under the Scheme;

"Functions" include powers and duties;

"Majority Owners" means the owners of coal mines joining in submission of the Scheme to the Board of Trade, and "Minority Owners" means the owners of coal mines other than majority owners;

"Output" means the tonnage in coal raised and weighed at the pithead of a coal mine;

"Owner" means the owner (as defined in the Coal Mines Act, 1911) of any coal mine, and where an owner is for the purposes of the Scheme represented by a duly authorised representative includes such representative;

"The Secretary" means the Secretary to the Executive Board constituted under the provisions of the Scheme;

"The Trustees" means the persons for the time being appointed under the provisions of the Scheme to be Trustees for the Executive Board;

"Undertaking" means any undertaking comprising two or more coal mines belonging to the same owner.

Duration and Scope of the Scheme.

3.—(1) The Scheme shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by the Board of Trade under the provisions of the Act, and shall remain in force until the expiration of Part I of the Act, unless in the meantime—

(i) A new scheme shall be substituted in manner hereafter provided by the Scheme, or

(ii) The Board of Trade shall direct in pursuance of sub-section (7) of Section 5 of the Act that the Scheme shall cease to have effect.

(2) The production of coal and the supply and sale of such coal by all owners shall be regulated by the provisions of the Scheme.

Administration of the Scheme.

4. There shall be constituted and elected annually in manner hereafter in the Scheme provided an Executive Board (hereafter in the Scheme referred to as "the Board") who shall be responsible for the general administration of the Scheme and it shall be the duty of the Board, subject to the provisions of the Scheme and within the limits thereof, to take from time to time such steps as may appear to them desirable for the purposes of regulating to the best advantage the production of coal and the supply and sale of such coal in the District.

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of nine owners or their representatives, and shall be elected annually at a general meeting of all the owners:

Provided that the Board as first elected shall consist of eight persons representative of the majority owners and one person representative of the minority owners who shall respectively be nominated and elected by majority owners only and by minority owners only.