

any tonnage allowed under this clause to be carried forward from the preceding quarter, and

(b) the estimate of such amount before mentioned.

(iii) If the total of the quota deficiencies of all owners claiming together with other allowances mentioned in sub-clause (ii) of clause No. 20 hereof amount to not more than the total quarterly allocation in the quarter next following that in which the deficiencies arise then the Board shall allow the claim of each owner for a quota deficiency at the lesser of the amounts mentioned in the last sub-clause (ii) hereof.

(iv) If the total of the said quota deficiencies of all owners so claiming together with the allowances as aforesaid amount to more than the total quarterly allocation in the quarter next following as aforesaid then the total of the quota deficiencies shall be diminished by the amount of the excess and each owner's quota deficiency shall in like manner abate *pro tanto* and such abated amount shall be his quota deficiency.

Transfers of Quarterly Allocations.

22. Subject to the following provisions an owner may agree with any other owner to produce less than his quarterly allocation for not more than one quarter at a time, and so that the benefit of any deficiency so agreed to shall be transferred to the other owner who shall not in respect of the amount so transferred be deemed to have exceeded his quarterly allocation and the transfer shall be taken as though the quarterly allocation of the transferring owner were diminished and as though the quarterly allocation of the transferee owner were increased for the period by the amount of the transfer. Such transfers shall only be made:

(a) by one owner to another in respect of the same class of coal for which any separate standard tonnage, quota, or allocation may for the period for which the transfer is made be in force; and

(b) if notified to the Executive Board within 24 hours of the arrangement for the said transfer, and not later than the end of the quarter or other period for which it is made.

Calculation of Output.

23. The output of each owner shall be ascertained at the end of each quarter by the Board and each owner whose output shall be in excess of his quarterly allocation for the time being shall pay to the Board such penalty as may be prescribed by clause 43 of the Scheme upon each ton in excess of his quarterly allocation.

24. For the purpose of calculating any excess or deficiency in quarterly proportion of the annual quota, quarterly allocation or total allocation, over or below the output of any coal mine or undertaking or of any owner in respect thereof adjustments shall be made as provided in the several clauses of the Scheme, whether in respect of quantities transferred to or from any owner or in respect of excess quantities produced in one quarter falling to be deducted from a following quarter or in respect of deficiencies allowed to be carried forward under the Scheme or as the case may be.

25. Where in any period a separate standard tonnage, annual quota, or quarterly allocation has been fixed in respect of any class of coal then the references herein to total output, quarterly allocation, annual quota, excess, or deficiencies shall be deemed to mean the total output, quarterly allocation, annual quota, excess, or deficiencies respectively of such owner in respect of such class.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO MINIMUM PRICES.

26. The Board shall fix minimum prices per ton of 20 cwts. for the classes of coal in the district below which prices coal of each class shall not be sold or disposed of, other than such coal as is allowed to be disposed of free or at reduced rates for the use of persons who are or have been employed in or about the mine and the dependents of persons who have been so employed.

27. For the purpose of fixing minimum prices the coal mines and coals of the owners shall be divided into groups according to the classes of coals produced from such coal mines respectively.

28. The Executive Board shall allocate the owners' coal mines into the respective groups and classes to which the coals of such coal mines for the purpose of disposal in the market are, in the opinion of the Executive Board, appropriate; Provided always that before making finally such allocation the Executive Board shall invite such owners to submit applications for any class of coal to be placed in a particular group or class and shall consider such applications on their merits.

29. There shall be a committee for each group, which committee shall have consultative powers only and shall be composed of one representative of each owner of a coal mine producing any class of coal in the group. The owner or the representative may appoint a substitute to attend in his stead.

30. The Executive Board shall then so soon as practicable determine the respective minimum prices below which coals in each class may not be sold or disposed of, and the minimum price for each class of coal shall be fixed from time to time by the Executive Board, which shall meet as often as occasion shall require and shall so far as practicable endeavour to fix the same at as nearly as possible the same time as the quarterly allocations, but may nevertheless if they think fit from time to time and at any time fix or alter any minimum prices whether at the time of the fixing of quarterly allocations or not.

31. The minimum price fixed for any class of coal shall be an f.o.b. price for shipment coal, whether sold f.o.b. or c.i.f., and a pithead price for coal other than coal for shipment.

32. The classification adopted and minimum price fixed from time to time for any class of coal as well as any variation or new fixation thereof as hereinafter provided shall be communicated to all owners concerned as soon as possible and a complete list of the classification and of the minimum prices for the time being in force shall be kept available at the office of the Executive Board for inspection at all reasonable times by any owner or his agent duly authorised in writing.

33. If any owner is dissatisfied with any classification adopted or of the minimum price