

Board of Trade and shall then be operative from such date as may be prescribed by them.

*Classification of Coal.*

19. For the purpose of determining the various classes to which the coal produced in the District belongs the Board shall, as soon as possible after their constitution, and subsequently from time to time as they may think fit, require returns to be made to them within a specified time by every owner, in a form to be prescribed and issued by the Board.

20. The Board shall determine the classification of any coal produced in the District, such classification being made at the discretion of the Board according to the nature of the coal or of the trade, industry or other category of consumer supplied, or according to whether the coal be supplied for use in Great Britain or for export to any other country.

21. Any classification made by the Board under the Scheme shall immediately be communicated to all the owners.

22. If any owner is dissatisfied with any classification made by the Board in respect of his coal mine or mines, he may give notice of objection to the Board at any time within fourteen days after such classification being communicated to him as aforesaid, and the Board shall thereupon reconsider the matter and deliver their decision thereon without delay.

*Determination of Standard Tonnage.*

23. Each owner shall furnish to the Board upon notice given to him by the Board a statement in writing specifying the name and situation of every coal mine owned by him within the District and the output of each mine for each month during the period beginning on the 1st January, 1927, and ending on the 30th June, 1930, together with particulars of any seasonal fluctuation in trade and the respective quantities of each class of coal comprised in the output for each of the said periods, and other information which the Board may require for the purpose of determining standard tonnages.

24. The aforesaid statement may be accompanied by particulars in writing of any claim (together with the evidence necessary to substantiate the same) which the owner may 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, 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.

25. The Board shall determine an annual standard tonnage for every 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.

26. The method of first determination of standard tonnages shall be as follows:—

(1) The output of each coal mine or undertaking for the six months ending 30th June,

1930, multiplied by two, shall be taken to determine the annual standard tonnage of such coal mine or undertaking:

Provided that such output may be adjusted by the Board so that regard shall be had to the special circumstances of each coal mine or undertaking (including the efficiency and economy of the working of each coal mine, the extent to which it has been or is being developed for economic working and the extent to which its output has been increasing or decreasing).

(2) In any other case where the standard tonnage cannot be ascertained by means of the above provisions the Board shall decide the basis of the standard tonnage, and shall fix the same, having regard to the special circumstances of the mine.

27. 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 29 of the Scheme, shall immediately be given by the Board to all the owners.

28. 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.

29. Subject to the provisions of Clause 30 of the Scheme the standard tonnages determined by the Board shall, save in so far as the Board's determination may be varied by an arbitrator, remain unchanged unless and until a general revision of all the standard tonnages for the District shall be required by a resolution of the Board:

Provided always that it shall be competent for the Board at any time to increase or diminish the standard tonnage allotted to any coal mine or undertaking, either by itself or on application made, on proof being laid before the Board that such standard tonnage is no longer appropriate, whether by reason of the efficiency or economy of the working of such coal mine or undertaking, the extent to which it has been developed, or is being developed for economic working, or the extent to which its output has been increasing or decreasing.

30. 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: