

graph (vii) of this Clause, fix the proportion of the standard tonnage which each owner may produce from his coal mine or colliery undertaking. Such proportion shall bear the same ratio to the standard tonnage of each coal mine or colliery undertaking as the district allocation bears to the total standard tonnages of the coal mines or colliery undertakings, and such proportion is hereinafter called the "quota".

Provided that—

(a) an owner becoming such during the currency of any period, shall be entitled only to a rateable proportion of the quota of his coal mine or colliery undertaking for that period;

(b) a quota shall be varied during the currency of any period to conform with any alteration of the standard tonnage of a coal mine or colliery undertaking, but so that the alteration of a quota shall only be operative for the same period as the alteration in the corresponding standard tonnage.

(ii) An owner of a colliery undertaking may distribute the tonnage resulting from the quota of his colliery undertaking for coal or any class of coal among his mines in such manner as he requires.

(iii) The Board may from time to time at its discretion apply to the Central Council for an increase of the district allocation, and if the Central Council shall grant any such increase, the latter shall be allocated among all the coal mines or colliery undertakings in proportion to their respective standard tonnages. The amount so allocated to any coal mine or colliery undertaking is hereinafter referred to as "the supplemental quota."

(iv) The Board shall give twenty one days' notice if practicable to every owner of the amount of the quota, and immediate notice of any supplemental quota of his coal mine or colliery undertaking.

(v) No owner shall during the period covered by any quota produce more than the quota and supplemental quota, if any, of his coal mine or colliery undertaking plus any quantity transferred to him or minus any quantity transferred by him pursuant to Clause 10 hereof, and no owner shall be entitled to carry forward from one district allocation period to another any shortage of output occurring during the first mentioned period.

(vi) The Board may divide the quota into monthly or quarterly quotas proportionate to the monthly or quarterly standard tonnage. Any unworked portion of monthly quota may be carried forward to the next month except in the case of the last month of a district allocation period.

(vii) When fixing the quota under paragraph (i) of this Clause, the Board may retain unallocated such portion of the district allocation as they shall think fit, but they shall allocate the part so retained at such times as they may think fit during the period covered by the district allocation of which it forms part.

(viii) If a standard tonnage shall be determined for any class of coal separate quotas may be fixed and varied in like manner as respects that class of coal.

(ix) The quota fixed as respects coal or any class of coal shall be the same proportion of

the standard tonnage of coal or of the class of coal as the case may be for all mines in the district.

(x) All quotas shall be so calculated that during any period for which the district allocation shall have been fixed by the Central Council that allocation shall not be exceeded.

Transfer of Allocations.

10.—(i) Any owner may exceed the quota for any period by arranging with any other owner, for such consideration (if any) as may be agreed between them, that the output of the coal mine or colliery undertaking of that other owner permissible under the quota for the same period shall be reduced by an agreed number of tons, to which number any such excess shall be limited:

Provided that if the excess is in respect of any particular class of coal for which a separate quota has been determined the reduction in the output of such other owner must be in respect of a quota determined for the same class of coal and that any failure of such other owner to reduce his permissible output by the agreed number of tons shall render him liable in respect of such failure to the penalties prescribed in Clause 21 of the Scheme.

(ii) Notice in writing of any arrangement to exceed and reduce quotas under this Clause must be given to the Secretary by the parties within forty-eight hours of the making of the arrangement.

Output.

11. Every Owner shall within fourteen days after the end of each month forward to the Board a statement in writing in such form as the Board may prescribe, and duly certified by the owner or his agent, manager or accounting officer, giving full particulars of his total output during the month together with any further particulars necessary for ascertaining any excess or shortage of output occurring in any period of a quota.

Classification of Coal.

12.—(i) 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 the Scheme comes into force 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.

(ii) The Board shall divide the coal produced into classes 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.

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

(iv) 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 and the Board shall thereupon reconsider the matter and deliver their decision thereon without delay.

(v) Any owner may at any time give to the Board notice calling upon the Board to review any classification made by them and the Board