

15 of the Scheme. Where there shall be a balance of annual standard tonnage in excess of such five million tons or a multiple thereof one further additional Representative and Substitute Representative shall be appointed in respect of such excess:

Provided that each Sectional Sale Committee shall in any event be entitled to not less than two Representatives and Substitute Representatives:

Election of Chairman.

(e) The Central Sale Committee shall elect a Chairman from their own number who shall remain in office until the 30th day of April, 1931. Thereafter a Chairman shall be elected annually and a retiring Chairman shall be eligible for re-election.

Voting.

(f) Voting at Meetings of the Central Sale Committee shall be by show of hands and the Chairman of the Central Sale Committee shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote as a member of the Committee.

7. FUNCTIONS OF CENTRAL SALE COMMITTEE.

Subject to the provisions of Clause 14 (c) and (d) of the Scheme the functions of the Central Sale Committee shall be:—

(a) To co-ordinate the work and operations of each Sectional Sale Committee;

(b) To determine the class to which any coal produced in the District belongs for any purpose;

(c) To determine, at such times and for such periods as may be decided, the price below which every class of coal produced in the District may not be sold or supplied by owners of coal mines in the District; the minimum prices shall be per ton of 20 cwts. and shall be as fixed by the Committee having regard to all the circumstances of the case:

Provided that there shall be only one minimum price for each class of coal as defined in the Scheme;

(d) To secure that the actual consideration obtained by the sale or supply of the several classes of coal exclusive of coal 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, shall not be less in value than the price so determined;

(e) To prescribe conditions of sale for securing that the actual consideration obtained by the sale or supply of any class of coal shall not be less in value than the minimum price for the time being fixed for that class of coal, and every Coalowner shall comply with such conditions of sale as may be so prescribed; and

(f) If so authorised by the Executive Board, to call for returns accounts and other information from any one or more Coalowners as the Central Sale Committee shall consider necessary to assist them in carrying out their duties and functions or any of them.

8. The Executive Board may appoint an Officer (to be styled "the Appointed Officer")

to act in a central capacity to control and co-ordinate the work and operations of the Central and Sectional Sale Committees; to attend meetings of the Sectional Sale Committees when required; and also to act on behalf of or under the instructions of the Executive Board and the Central Sale Committee with regard to all matters arising out of these Regulations.

9. The minimum prices fixed in the first instance shall remain in force for such period as the Central Sale Committee may deem desirable but the Committee may revise the minimum prices from time to time and shall alter the same when alteration appears to the Committee to be necessary; and in particular on the application of any Coalowner for the revision of the price so fixed for any class of coal produced by him the Central Sale Committee shall forthwith consider such application and make such alteration of price (if any) as is in their opinion necessary.

10. The minimum prices fixed from time to time for each class of coal shall forthwith be communicated to all the Coalowners.

11. If any Coalowner shall be dissatisfied with any price fixed for the time being under these Regulations in respect of any coal or class of coal produced by him or in respect of the classification of such coal, he may give notice of objection in writing to the Central Sale Committee at any time within fourteen days after such communication of the price as aforesaid and the Committee shall thereupon reconsider the matter and deliver their decision thereon without delay.

12. As from the date when a minimum price shall have been fixed by the Central Sale Committee for any class of coal under the provisions of these Regulations no Coalowner producing coal of that class shall, either directly or indirectly:—

(a) Sell or supply the coal at a price below the price so fixed for the time being;

(b) Sell or supply the coal in any manner whereby the actual consideration obtained is less in value than the price so fixed; or

(c) Allow or give, or agree to allow or give any discount, commission, rebate, extended credit, or allowance in respect of the price, quantity or weight of the coal, or in any other manner whatsoever;

and any Coalowner who shall contravene in any particular the provisions of this Clause shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in Clause 14 of these Regulations.

13. If any Coalowner ships or causes to be shipped any cargo or consignment of coal otherwise than in pursuance of a *bona fide* contract for the sale thereof, the actual consideration obtained by the sale or supply of the coal so shipped, being the amount remaining after deduction of the shipping and other charges incurred subsequent to shipment from the price ultimately obtained for the coal, shall not be less in value than the minimum f.o.b. price for coal of the same class ruling under the Scheme at the date of shipment, and any contravention of the provisions of this Clause shall render the Coalowner, who shipped or caused to be shipped, the coal in respect of which the contravention occurs, liable to the penalties prescribed in Clause 14 of these Regulations.