

COAL MINES ACT, 1930.

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

Whereas by subsection (5) of Section 1 of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, it is provided that any Scheme may be amended with the approval of the Board of Trade in manner provided by the Scheme;

And whereas in pursuance of powers conferred upon them by sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the said Act, the Board of Trade have made the South Staffordshire (Exclusive of Cannock Chase) and Worcestershire District (Coal Mines) Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1936, which provides that the South Staffordshire (Exclusive of Cannock Chase) and Worcestershire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, may be amended so as to provide for the matters specified in Part I of the Schedule to the said Order in addition to the matters mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) of the said Section 3 and for the matters specified in Part II of the said Schedule in substitution for the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a), (e) and (f) of sub-section (2) of the said Section 3;

And whereas it is provided by Clause 33 of the said Scheme (*inter alia*) that any alteration in the provisions of the Scheme shall be operative from such date as may be prescribed by the Board of Trade;

And whereas in pursuance of the said Clause 33 the amendments of the said Scheme set out in the Schedule hereto have been submitted to the Board of Trade by the Executive Board elected under the provisions of the said Scheme:

Now therefore the Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by subsection (5) of Section 1 of the said Act hereby approve the amendments of the South Staffordshire (Exclusive of Cannock Chase) and Worcestershire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, set out in the Schedule hereto and prescribe the 1st day of August, 1936, as the date from which the said amendments shall come into force:

Provided that where under the said Scheme as amended the Executive Board are empowered to make any determination or appointment or to obtain any information which is necessary or expedient for bringing the said Scheme as amended into operation on the said 1st day of August, and any owner is required to furnish such information to the Executive Board, the provisions of the said Scheme as amended in relation to the matters aforesaid shall come into force on the 25th day of July, 1936.

Harry Crookshank,

Secretary for Mines.

Board of Trade,

Mines Department,

Dean Stanley Street,

Millbank, London, S.W.1.

25th day of July, 1936.

SCHEDULE.

The South Staffordshire (Exclusive of Cannock Chase) and Worcestershire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, shall be amended in the following manner:—

1. Clause 2 shall have effect as if—

(a) the definitions of the following terms were omitted:—

“Majority Owners”

“Minority Owners”

“Export Supply”

“Inland Supply”, and

(b) there were added the following definition, that is to say:—

“Year 1935” means the year ended 31st December, 1935.

2. Clause 3 shall have effect as if in sub-clause (2) thereof after the word “regulated” there were inserted the words “and “facilitated””.

3. Clause 4 shall have effect as if—

(a) after the word “regulating” there were inserted the words “and facilitating”;

(b) after the word “coal” where that word appears for the first time there were inserted the words “in the District”; and

(c) the words “in the District” at the end of the Clause were omitted.

4. Clause 5 shall have effect as if—

(a) for sub-clause (1) thereof there were substituted the following sub-clause, that is to say:—

“5.—(1) The Board shall consist of not less than nine nor more than ten representatives (who may be Owners or persons representing Owners), and shall be elected annually at a general meeting of Owners:

Provided that there shall never be on the Board more than one representative of any one Owner unless such Owner's annual basic tonnage exceeds one fifth part of the aggregate annual basic tonnages of the District and in no case shall there be more than two representatives of any one Owner whatever his annual basic tonnage.”;

(b) in sub-clause (2) thereof after the word “attend” there were inserted the words “as a member”;

(c) in sub-clause 3 thereof:—

(i) the words “first and every succeeding” were omitted; and

(ii) the reference were to Clause 27 of the Scheme instead of to Clause 29.

5. Clause 6 shall have effect as if for the words “for twelve months, at the end of which period” there were substituted the words “until the next annual general meeting of Owners succeeding their appointment, when”.

6. Clause 8 shall have effect as if in the proviso thereto for the word “this” there were substituted the word “the”.

7. Clause 10 shall have effect as if for the word “Four” there were substituted the word “Five”.

8. Clause 11 shall have effect as if the proviso thereto were omitted.

9. For Clause 12 there shall be substituted the following Clause, that is to say:—

“12. In addition to those Committees of which the appointment is specifically provided in the Scheme, the Board shall have