

Part III. And whereas by Section 49 of the Act it is further provided that the powers of the Act for prescribing general rules with respect to stores shall extend to prescribing general rules with respect to small firework factories, and the buildings thereon, and any breach (by any act or default) of any such general rules shall involve the same penalties and forfeitures, as a breach of a general rule relating to stores :

And whereas with respect to gunpowder stores it is by Section 17 of the Act provided that the general rules thereafter following shall be observed :

And whereas, with respect to stores for explosive other than gunpowder, it is by Section 40, Sub-section 2 of the Act provided that, the general rules prescribed by Order in Council shall be substituted for the general rules in the Act relating to gunpowder stores, but that no such general rule shall require the removal of any building or work in use at the date of the Order in Council by which such rule is made :

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order and prescribe that in every small firework factory the following general rules shall be observed ; that is to say,

1. The provisions of all Orders in Council in force for the time being which affect small firework factories shall be duly observed ; and

2. There shall not be at the same time in the factory an amount of explosive exceeding the amount authorised to be kept in a factory qualified to belong to the Division under which the factory is licensed ; and

3. No work shall be carried on in any part or building of the factory except work immediately connected with the manufacture of fireworks, or incident thereto ; and every magazine of the factory shall be used only for the keeping of fireworks and explosive used for the manufacture of such fireworks ; and

4. There shall be constantly kept affixed in the factory, in such manner as to be easily read, a copy of these general rules and of the special rules (if any) made for the factory, and a copy of any parts of the Act which are required by the Secretary of State to be affixed, and of so much of the license as indicates under which Division the factory is licensed ; and

5. Due precautions shall be taken for the prevention of the introduction into any part of the factory of fire, lights, lucifer matches, or any other article liable to cause fire or explosion, except such as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on the work of the factory, and the same shall not be employed except in accordance with these rules and with such instructions as the occupier of the factory may give ; and

6. No fire shall be allowed on any part or building of the factory within 25 yards from any danger building, provided that where there intervenes between such fire and any danger building (other than a magazine) a substantial screen of stone, brick, earth, iron, or other unflammable material of such character and dimensions as to protect such building from any danger which might otherwise arise from such fire, the distance between the fire and danger building so screened and protected may be reduced so as it be not less than 12 yards ; and

7. No person shall smoke in any part of the factory ; and

8. Sufficient and ready means of escape in case of accidents shall be provided for every person employed in every part of the factory, and the door of every building in which work is being carried on shall be constructed to open outwards, and shall be kept unlocked during the hours of work, and if fastened shall be fastened only with a fastening easily opened from the inside, or with thin twine or similar material which can be easily broken from the inside ; and

9. No person who is intoxicated shall be permitted to enter or remain in the factory, and no intoxicating liquor shall be taken into the factory ; and

10. When any explosive is being conveyed from one building or part of the factory to another building or part in the factory, or from any such building or part to any place outside of the factory, it shall be conveyed with all due diligence, and with such precautions, and in such manner as will sufficiently guard against any accident by fire or explosion ; and

11. Any explosives, each of which may be lawfully kept in the magazine of a small firework factory, may be kept in the same magazine of such factory, provided they are separated from each other by an intervening partition of such substance and character as will effectually prevent explosion or fire in the one communicating with the other, subject nevertheless to the following qualifications :—

(a.) The various explosives of Class 1 (Gunpowder), Class 2 (Nitrate-mixture), Class 3 (Nitro-compound), Class 4 (Chlorate-mixture), safety fuze belonging to the first Division of Class 6 (Ammunition), and such of the various explosives of the 2nd Division of Class 6 (Ammunition) as do not contain any exposed iron or steel, may be kept with each other without any intervening partition ;

(b.) The various explosives of the 1st Division of Class 6 (Ammunition) may be kept with each other without any intervening partition ;

(c.) Such of the various explosives of the 2nd Division of Class 6 (Ammunition) as contain any exposed iron or steel may be kept with each other without any intervening partition ;

(d.) The various explosives of the 3rd Division of Class 6 (Ammunition) may be kept with each other without any intervening partition ;

(e.) The various explosives of Class 7 (Firework) may be kept with each other without any intervening partition ; and

12. The interior of every danger building of the factory, and the benches, shelves, and fittings therein (other than the machinery), shall be so constructed or so lined or covered as to prevent the exposure of any iron or steel in such manner, and the detaching of any grit, iron, steel or similar substance in such manner, as to come into contact with any explosive in such building, and such interior, benches, shelves, and fittings shall so far as is reasonably practicable, be kept free from grit and otherwise clean ; and

13. Charcoal, whether ground or otherwise, and oiled cotton, oiled rags, and oiled waste, and any article liable to spontaneous ignition, shall not be taken into any danger building except for the purpose of immediate supply and work or immediate use in such build-