

PART IV.

Coal Stocks.

17. Subject to the Directions of the Secretary for Mines the District Coal and Coke Supplies Committees shall regulate, in the areas for which they have been respectively appointed, the supply and distribution of coal from any stocks which may be or become available in their respective areas for the purposes named. Available stocks for the purposes of this Article shall, subject as aforesaid, consist of any coal at a coal mine within the area of a District Coal and Coke Supplies Committee and any coal coming into the said area in train.

18. The District Coal and Coke Supplies Committees shall have power to take possession of any such available stocks of coal, and to direct the supply of such coal or any part thereof, to any named consignee or destination, and, where coal is allocated from a coal mine, to direct its delivery in the wagons of the coal mine.

19. Any person having in his possession coal which is available for the purposes of this Part of these Directions shall, upon receipt of a demand in writing from the District Coal and Coke Supplies Committee or a person duly authorised by them in that behalf, give possession of the said coal or such part thereof as may be so demanded to any person specified in the said demand.

PART V.

Shipment.

20. No coal shall be shipped either as cargo or bunkers, whether coastwise or foreign, in any vessel at any port in Great Britain unless permission in writing for such shipment shall first have been given by the Secretary for Mines or a person duly authorised by him in that behalf.

21. The Collector of Customs or other the proper officer of Customs at any port in Great Britain, where it is desired to make any such shipment, may give permission as aforesaid on behalf of the Secretary for Mines.

PART VI.

Gas Manufacture.

22. All persons who supply gas, whether under statutory authority or otherwise, shall use the coal required for the production of gas in such a manner as to effect the greatest possible saving in the consumption of coal.

23. With the object of maintaining a supply of gas at adequate pressure during such periods of the day or night when the effective use of it by consumers is most needed, persons who supply gas, whether under statutory authority or otherwise, shall supply the same at other periods of the day or night at pressures so much lower than those prescribed under any special Act or Order applying to their undertaking as may be best calculated to secure a supply of gas at adequate pressure during such first-mentioned periods.

24. All persons supplying gas shall notify the local authority of the district by notice in writing, and shall notify their consumers, by newspaper advertisements and placards, of such periods of the day and night during which the pressure of gas will be insufficient to permit of its effective use in consumers' fittings and apparatus.

25. Where any person supplying or offering to supply gas for reward is by reason of the provisions of these Directions prevented from making a supply or from making a full supply of gas of any prescribed quality to any consumer, such person shall to that extent be relieved of any obligation, whether created by statute or otherwise, to make such supply.

PART VII.

Lighting, Heating, and Power.

26. All lights of the following classes and descriptions shall be extinguished and such lights shall not be lighted at any hour except as provided in Article 27 hereof:—

(a) Sky signs, illuminated facias, illuminated advertisements, and other lights used on, in, or about any premises for the purpose of advertisement or display;

(b) Lights used inside any shop for the purpose of advertisement or display, other than lights maintained solely for the protection of property.

27. It shall be the duty of local authorities to provide that the consumption in their respective districts of gas and electricity for any public lighting shall be reduced to the minimum that may be deemed necessary, provided that such public lamps as the Chief Officer of Police directs to be kept in use for the public safety shall be maintained as he may direct.

28. Where gas or electricity is required for power in any premises within the scope of Part III. of these Directions, its supply and use shall be restricted so that not more than 50 per cent. of the weekly average quantity supplied or used for power in the period covered by the last reading of the meter preceding the date of these Directions coming into force shall be supplied or used in any week after such date, saving as may hereinafter in these Directions be provided:

Provided always, that where it is shown to the satisfaction of the local authority that the said weekly average does not afford a fair criterion of the quantity normally supplied or used in any such premises regard may be had to the average weekly quantity supplied or used in such premises during the period in the year 1920 most nearly corresponding in date to that in which power is required, and such quantity may be deemed to be the weekly average for the purposes of these Directions.

29. Where it is deemed by a local authority expedient in the public interest to do so, the percentage named in the preceding Article may be increased, and the local authority or its duly authorised officer shall in such case issue a permit in writing specifying the extent to which the percentage may be increased, and stating the grounds upon which the issue of such permit is deemed to be in the public interest.

30. Any permit given as in the preceding Article provided may by notice in writing be cancelled or varied by the local authority or its duly authorised officer or by the Secretary for Mines and the quantity thereby authorised may be increased or may be reduced to any figure not less than 50 per cent. of the said weekly average:

Provided that the said quantity may only be increased where it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so, and that the ground upon which such increase is deemed to be in the