

amended or any new Clause or Clauses added thereto or any new Scheme in substitution for the Scheme may be submitted to the Board of Trade in accordance with such decision:

Provided always that no such amendment or new Scheme shall take effect unless and until it shall have been approved by the Board of Trade in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

So soon as any such amendment or new Scheme shall have been approved by the Board of Trade the same shall be operative from the date determined by the Board of Trade.

27. DECISIONS UNDER THE SCHEME.

The Coalowners shall (subject to appeal or Arbitration as in the Scheme provided) be bound by and shall conform to all decisions under the Scheme and all such decisions together with any necessary instructions relative thereto shall be notified in writing by the Secretary to all the Coalowners without loss of time.

28. ARBITRATION.

(a) The Executive Board shall prepare and submit for approval to the President of the Incorporated Sheffield Law Society a panel of arbitrators for the District to one or more of whom any dispute arising in connection with the Scheme may be referred. Such panel shall not include any person who is financially interested in the ownership or working of any coal mine or any concern comprising coal mines situate in the District, or any person who is acting in a secretarial or advisory capacity to any association or other body for regulating the production, supply or sale of coal; and in any case a person who has at any time been professionally employed by or on behalf of a Coalowner in respect of any coal mine shall not be eligible to act as arbitrator in any reference to which such Coalowner is a party.

(b) Any Coalowner who is aggrieved (hereinafter referred to as "the complainant") by any act or omission of the Board or of any Committee or other persons in respect of their functions under the Scheme shall be entitled to refer the matter for decision to such one or more (but not exceeding three) of the arbitrators constituting the panel of arbitrators for the district as he may select.

(c) The complainant shall, as soon as the arbitrator or arbitrators shall have been appointed, furnish to the arbitrator or arbitrators a statement of complaint in writing setting forth the matter or matters which the complainant wishes to be referred to arbitration and containing in numbered paragraphs particulars of the cause or causes of complaint, including the names, descriptions and addresses of any person or bodies of persons alleged to be responsible therefor together with particulars of any facts upon which the complainant intends to rely and of the remedy or remedies which he proposes to claim in the arbitration, and the complainant shall at the same time furnish a copy of such statement of complaint to every person or body of persons affected or concerned.

(d) The arbitrator or arbitrators shall upon receipt of the statement of complaint give such

directions for the conduct of the arbitration as he or they may think fit and shall fix a day for the hearing of the matter referred to him or them, and shall also give notice in writing of the day so fixed to the complainant and to every person or body of persons affected or concerned.

(e) No proceedings in default of payment of any penalty imposed under the Scheme shall be commenced until a period of ten days shall have elapsed from the date of notice of the penalty being given by the Secretary to the Coalowner concerned and, in the event of an application being made within that period by the Coalowner concerned that the matter be referred to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme, no such proceedings as aforesaid shall be commenced unless and until the arbitrator shall have made his award or until the Coalowner shall have abandoned his appeal to arbitration, whichever shall first occur.

(f) Where any determination or other decision of the Executive Board or Committee (as the case may be) is a subject of reference hereunder, the award of the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be operative from such date as shall be prescribed in the Award.

(g) The expenses of the Executive Board in connection with any arbitration under the Scheme, or under the Central Scheme, shall be payable out of the District Fund.

29. In the event of any objection by a Coalowner under any provisions of the Scheme to any determination or decision of the Executive Board the determination or other decision of the Board to which objection is made shall be operative and shall, unless in any case the Board otherwise determine, continue to have full force until the same shall be varied (if at all) by the ruling of the Board on the objection and no such objection or ruling shall be deemed to exempt the appellant from liability for any contravention of or non-compliance with the Scheme in respect of such determination or other decision at any time when the same shall be or have been operative.

THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

REGULATIONS for the classification of coal and the determination of minimum prices for each class of coal.

1. OBJECTS.

The objects of these Regulations shall be as follows:—

(a) The determination of the class to which any coal produced in the District belongs for any purpose; and the determination from time to time of the prices below which every class of coal produced in the District may not be sold or supplied by owners of coal mines; 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