

Exploration Company Limited of Britannic House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2. Descriptions of the boundaries of four of the licensed areas, which covered about 192 square miles and 178 square miles in Hampshire, 173 square miles in Hampshire, Berkshire and Wiltshire, and 180 square miles in Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex, were contained in the Schedule to the notice of the grant of the Licences, which, in pursuance of Section 2 (3) of the above mentioned Act was published in the London Gazette on Friday, the 20th December, 1935. A similar description of the boundaries of the fifth licensed area, which covered about 182 square miles in Hampshire and Wiltshire, was published in the London Gazette on Friday, the 26th February, 1937.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
Millbank,
London, S.W.1.
6th May, 1938.

*Amendments of Scheme
approved on 2nd May, 1938.*

COAL MINES ACT, 1930.

THE DURHAM DISTRICT (COAL MINES) SCHEME,
1930.

Whereas in pursuance of Clause 32 of the Durham District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, amendments of the said Scheme as 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 under the provisions of the said Clause and of subsection (5) of Section 1 of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, hereby approve the said amendments and prescribe the 3rd day of May, 1938, as the date from which the said amendments shall come into force.

Harry Crookshank,
Secretary for Mines.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
Millbank, London, S.W.1.
2nd May, 1938.

SCHEDULE.

The Durham District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, shall be amended in the following manner:—

1. Clause 64 shall have effect as if:—

(a) for the words "in such works" there were substituted the words "in the excluded works of the owner of such coal mine"; and

(b) for the date "1935" where that date first occurs there were substituted the date "1937."

2. Clause 65 shall have effect as if in subparagraph (ii) thereof for the words "20 per cent." there were substituted the words "15 per cent."

3. For Clause 69 there shall be substituted the following Clause:—

"69.—(1) If at any time after the 1st day of January, 1935, a colliery has been or shall be opened or re-opened the Board may from time to time during a period of three years from such opening or re-opening re-determine the annual basic tonnages of the undertaking of which such Colliery forms a part or if such colliery does not form part of an undertaking determine the annual basic tonnages of the coal mine.

(2) Every determination under this Clause shall be made having regard to all the relevant circumstances of the undertaking or coal mine provided that on any such determination in respect of an undertaking no addition shall be made which is not warranted by the development of the colliery so opened or re-opened."

4. Clause 79 shall have effect as if the words from "Such variation" to the end of the Clause were omitted.

5. Clause 108 shall have effect as if after the word "than" there were inserted the words "by owners for consumption in their Excluded Works."

6. Clause 113 shall have effect as if:—

(a) the words "and compensation" where those words firstly and secondly occur were omitted;

(b) there were substituted for the word "rates" where that word firstly and secondly occurs the word "rate";

(c) for the words from "Provided that" to the end of the Clause there were substituted the words:—

"(2) The rate of compensation per ton in respect of inland supply for any allocation period shall be determined by dividing the total sums payable to the Board on account of premiums for inland supply in respect of such period less any deduction necessary to provide for bad or doubtful debts by the aggregate tonnage on which compensation is to be credited in respect of inland supply as hereinbefore provided, and the rate of compensation per ton in respect of export supply shall be determined in like manner by reference to the like figures in respect of export supply. The said rates shall not exceed 2s. 6d. per ton in any period.

(3) In the case of a new or re-opening coal mine coming into operation on any day other than the first working day of an allocation period no premium shall be debited or compensation be credited to the owner of such coal mine in respect of such period.

(4) The Board shall as soon as possible after the end of each allocation period send an account to each owner showing the sum due to or from that owner under the provisions of this Clause. All sums due from an owner to the Board shall be payable on demand. Any sum not paid within 14 days of demand shall carry interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum from the date of demand. All sums due from the Board to an owner shall be paid within 90 days after the end of the relevant allocation period."