STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1965 No. 1360

SHOPS AND OFFICES

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Conduct of Inquiries) Regulations 1965

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The Minister of Labour by virtue of the powers conferred on him by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963(a) (hereafter in these Regulations referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Conduct of Inquiries) Regulations 1965 and shall come into operation on 2nd August 1965.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Conduct of inquiries

2. Inquiries held under Schedule 1 (relating to the procedure for making special regulations) of the Act and all proceedings preliminary and incidental to such inquiries shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5(*a*) to (*c*) of the said Schedule, be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations.

Remuneration of persons holding inquiries

3. The remuneration of any person or persons holding an inquiry under the said Schedule 1 shall be such sum as may be fixed by the Minister of Labour with the approval of the Treasury.

Costs of inquiries

4. The costs of an inquiry held under the said Schedule 1 and of proceedings preliminary and incidental to the inquiry (including the remuneration of the person or persons holding the inquiry) shall be payable in such manner and by such person or persons as the person holding or presiding over the inquiry may direct.

Dated 2nd July 1965.

R. J. Gunter,
Minister of Labour.

(a) 1963 c. 41. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

CONDUCT OF INQUIRIES AND OF PROCEEDINGS PRELIMINARY AND INCIDENTAL THERETO

1. An inquiry shall be opened at such time and at such place as may be fixed by the person appointed by the Minister of Labour to hold the inquiry or, if there is more than one such person, by the person presiding over the inquiry (hereafter in this Schedule referred to, in either case, as "the Commissioner"). Not less than three weeks' notice of the time and place so fixed shall be published by the Commissioner or on his behalf in such manner as the Commissioner thinks fit for the purpose of notifying persons affected and shall be sent by post by the Commissioner or on his behalf to all persons whose objections or representations have been referred by the Minister to the Commissioner: Provided that the non-receipt of any such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings or render necessary an adjournment of the inquiry.

2. The Commissioner may adjourn the proceedings from time to time as he thinks fit and may hold adjourned sittings at any place which he thinks necessary for the convenience of persons who appear to him to be affected.

3. The Commissioner may give such directions as he thinks necessary as to the order in which objections or representations shall be considered and as to the order in which persons appearing at the inquiry shall be heard.

4. If any objections or representations made by more than one person appearing before the Commissioner appear to the Commissioner to be the same in substance, he may select any person whom he considers representative of the largest number of the objectors or of the persons making such representations to state such objections or representations and to call evidence (if required): Provided that any other person making the same objections or representations may be heard subsequently by consent of the Commissioner.

5. The Commissioner may stop any statement which appears to him to be irrelevant to the matter under consideration or to involve unnecessary repetitition of arguments already fully stated.

6. Subject to the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Act and subject to these Regulations, the proceedings shall be conducted in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations provide for the conduct of inquiries into objections to special regulations proposed to be made under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963. The Regulations also make provision for the remuneration of persons holding such inquiries and as to the cost of inquiries.