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**HEALTH AND SAFETY  
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**The Coal and Other Mines (Electricity) (Third Amendment)  
Regulations 1977**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>20th July 1977</i>
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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 15(1), (3)(a) and (4)(a) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974(a) ("the 1974 Act"), as amended by section 116 of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 15 to, the Employment Protection Act 1975(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and for the purpose of giving effect without modifications to proposals submitted to him by the Health and Safety Commission under section 11(2)(d) of the 1974 Act after the carrying out by the said Commission of consultations in accordance with section 50(3) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Coal and Other Mines (Electricity) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 17th August 1977.

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

*Amendment of the Coal and Other Mines (Electricity) Regulations 1956*

2. Regulation 20 of the Coal and Other Mines (Electricity) Regulations 1956(d), as amended(e), shall be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph at the end of paragraph (3)—

“(c) that such a circuit may be connected to earth if it includes apparatus of a type approved by the Health and Safety Executive for the purpose of this paragraph and is so connected by a method which is also approved by the Executive for that type of apparatus.”

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20th July 1977.

(a) 1974 c. 37. (b) 1975 c. 71. (c) 1889 c. 63. (d) S.I. 1956/1766 (1956 I, p. 1314).  
(e) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1974/2013 (1974 III, p. 7047).

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Coal and Other Mines (Electricity) Regulations 1956 by enabling certain electrical circuits to be connected to earth if they include apparatus of a type approved by the Health and Safety Executive and if the connection to earth is by a method which is also approved by the Executive.

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