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Acts: Employment of Women and Children

A) *Loi du 5 mai 1936 portant interdiction de l'emploi des femmes aux travaux souterrains dans les minières et carrières.* (*Moniteur belge du 24 mai 1936, no. 145, p. 3850.*)

Wet van 5 Mei 1936 houdende verbod de vrouwen in de graverijen en groeven aan den ondergrondschen arbeid te werk te stellen. (*Moniteur belge van 24 Mei 1936, N. 145, bl. 3850.*)

Act to prohibit the employment of women in underground work in the operation of deposits of ore-bearing earth or peat and in quarries. Dated 5th May, 1936.

1. Women shall not be employed in underground work in the operation of deposits of ore-bearing earth or peat and in quarries.

2. Contraventions of this Act shall entail the same penalties as contraventions of section 54 of the Acts respecting mines, deposits of ore-bearing earth and peat, and quarries, consolidated by the Royal Order of 15th September, 1919¹.

B) *Loi du 7 avril 1936 complétant l'article 8 du texte coordonné de la loi sur le travail des femmes et des enfants.* (*Moniteur belge du 10 mai 1936, no. 131, p. 3534.*)

Wet van 7 April 1936 tot aanvulling van artikel 8 van den samengedenden tekst van de wet betreffende den arbeid der vrouwen en kinderen. (*Moniteur belge van 10 Mei 1936, N. 131, bl. 3534.*)

Act to supplement section 8 of the consolidated text of the Act respecting the employment of women and children². Dated 7th April, 1936.

Sole section. Section 8 of the consolidated text of the Act respecting the employment of women and children shall be supplemented by the addition of second and third paragraphs to read as follows:—

“ In exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the employers' and workers' organisations concerned, the Crown may decide that in a particular industry or area and with respect to the women employed in that industry or area the interval between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. shall be substituted for the interval normally provided for above, between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

“ The minimum break of half an hour provided for in section 6 of the Act shall be compulsory for the persons protected by this Act.”

¹ Code du Travail (Destree, Hallet, Soudan et Janson, Brussels, 1924), vol. I, p. 859.

Section 54 prohibits the employment of women in underground work in mines. Under sections 128 contraventions of the provisions of section 54 are punishable by a fine varying from 26 francs to 5,000 francs according to the number of persons employed in the undertaking.

² Royal Order of 28th February, 1919. Bulletin of the International Labour Office (Basle), vol. XIV, 1919, p. 21; Legislative Series, 1919 (Bel. 2).

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