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### Act: Mines (Employment of Women)

*Bundesgesetz über das Verbot der Verwendung von Frauen zu Untertagearbeiten beim Bergbau. (Bundesgesetzblatt, 13. März 1937, 20. Stück, Nr. 70, S. 313.)*

**Federal Act respecting the prohibition of the employment of women on underground work in mines. Gazetted 13th March, 1937.**

1. (1) No female, whatever her age, shall be employed on underground work in any mine.

(2) The Federal Minister of Commerce and Communications in the case of mines for the extraction of reserved minerals, and the Federal Minister of Social Administration in the case of other mines, shall have power to authorise exceptions to the provision laid down in subsection (1) for the following persons:—

(a) persons holding positions of management who do not perform manual work;

(b) persons employed in health and welfare services;

(c) persons who in the course of their studies spend a period of training in the underground parts of a mine;

(d) any other persons who may occasionally have to enter the underground parts of a mine for the purpose of a non-manual occupation.

2. Contraventions of the provisions of this Act shall be punished in conformity with the provisions of section 13 of the Mining Act<sup>1</sup>, St. G. Bl. No. 406/1919, in the case of mines for the extraction of reserved minerals, and in conformity with the penal provisions of the Industrial Code in the case of other mines.

3. The Federal Minister of Commerce and Communications shall be responsible for the administration of this Act in the case of mines for the extraction of reserved minerals and the Federal Minister of Social Administration in the case of other mines.

<sup>1</sup> Act dated 28th July, 1919. Bulletin of the International Labour Office (Basle), Vol. XIV, 1919, p. 111.

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