

Queensland

Coal Mining Safety and Health (Explosion Barriers) Amendment Regulation 2020

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made under the

Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999

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1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Coal Mining Safety and Health (Explosion Barriers) Amendment Regulation 2020.*

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 January 2021.

3 Regulation amended

This regulation amends the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulation 2017*.

4 Amendment of s 300 (General)

Section 300(1)(b), after 'mine'—
insert—

, including by installing and maintaining explosion barriers as required under section 303A

5 Insertion of new s 303A

After section 303—

insert-

303A Explosion barriers

- (1) The underground mine manager for an underground mine must ensure explosion barriers are installed and maintained—
 - (a) in the part of each of the following roadways within an ERZ1 in a part of the mine where coal is being extracted—
 - (i) a return roadway;
 - (ii) a roadway with a single point of entry;
 - (iii) a roadway in which a coal conveyor is installed; and

(b) in a place in the mine, other than a place mentioned in paragraph (a), identified by a risk assessment for the mine.

Examples of places for paragraph (b)—

homotropal conveyor roadways and return bleeder roadways not within an ERZ1 in a part of the mine where coal is being extracted

(2) In this section—

explosion barrier means—

- (a) a barrier constructed, installed and maintained in compliance with a recognised standard for barriers known as explosion barriers; or
- (b) another barrier that achieves a level of risk that is equal to or better than the acceptable level of risk achieved by a barrier mentioned in paragraph (a).

6 Insertion of new ch 6, pt 10

Chapter 6—

insert—

Part 10

Transitional provision for Coal Mining Safety and Health (Explosion Barriers) Amendment Regulation 2020

410 Application of new ss 300(1)(b) and 303A

The following provisions do not apply in relation to an underground mine until 1 year after the commencement—

(a) section 300(1)(b), the extent it has been amended by the *Coal Mining Safety and*

Health (Explosion Barriers) Amendment Regulation 2020;

(b) section 303A.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 24 September 2020.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 25 September 2020.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

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