

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 17th day of *July*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm Regulations") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915, and other enactments:

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said regulations in manner herein-after appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said regulations:—

1. At the end of Regulation 2E the following paragraph shall be inserted:—

"The Food Controller may, as respects articles to which his powers under Regulations 2F to 2J extend, exercise the like powers as are by this regulation conferred on the Admiralty, Army Council, and Minister of Munitions".

2. In Regulation 2F sub-section (3) shall be omitted.

3. Regulation 2G shall be amended as follows—

(1) By the substitution for sub-section (1) thereof of the following sub-section:—

"The Food Controller may by order require persons engaged in the production, manufacture, purchase, sale, distribution, transport, storage, or shipment, of any article to which the powers of the Food Controller extend, to make returns giving such particulars as to their businesses as may be specified by or on behalf of the Food Controller and may require the returns to be verified as he may direct;"

(2) By the substitution in sub-section (2) thereof for the words "articles to which the provisions of this regulation are applied" of the words "articles with respect to which an order under this regulation has been made;"

(3) By the omission of sub-section (5) thereof.

4. Regulation 2G shall be amended as follows:—

(1) By the insertion of the word "stored" after the word "manufactured;"

(2) By the insertion of the words "or to any plant used in connection therewith" after the words "adapted for sale;"

(3) By the omission of the words from "and any such order may apply" to the end of sub-section (1) thereof;

(4) By the insertion of the words "or plant" after the word "premises" wherever

that word occurs in sub-sections (2) and (3) thereof;

(5) By the omission of sub-section (4) thereof and by the insertion after sub-section (3) thereof of the following new sub-sections:—

"(4) It shall be lawful for the Food Controller—

"(a) To require any work in any such factory or workshop or other premises as aforesaid to be done in accordance with his directions given with the object of making the factory or workshop or other premises or the plant or labour therein as useful as possible for the production of food.

"(b) To regulate or restrict the carrying on of any work in any such factory, workshop, or other premises as aforesaid, or the engagement or employment of any workman, or all or any classes of workmen, therein, or to remove the plant therefrom, with a view to maintaining or increasing the production of food.

"(5) The occupier and every officer and servant of the occupier of any factory, workshop or other premises, or any other person affected by any such directions, regulations, or restrictions, and where the occupier is a company, every director of the company, shall obey the directions, regulations or restrictions of the Food Controller, and if he fails to do so he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

"(6) Where under this regulation any directions regulating the priority to be given to work at any factory, workshop, or other premises, have been given and any person in any certificate or document given or issued for the purpose of securing priority for any work in pursuance of such directions, makes any false statement or false representation, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations."

5. Regulation 2J shall be amended as follows:—

(1) By the substitution for the words "Regulations numbered 2F, 2G, and 2H" of the words "Regulations numbered 2B, 2F, 2G, 2H and 7";

(2) By the omission in sub-section (1) thereof of the words "numbered 2F and 2G";

(3) By the insertion at the end of sub-section (1) thereof of the words "and any powers and duties necessary to provide for the due discharge of any functions assigned to local authorities by any order made by the Food Controller under the said Regulations";

(4) By the substitution in sub-section (3) thereof for the words "the said regulations numbered 2F and 2G" of the words "these regulations," and by the insertion at the end of the same sub-section of the words "and any such order may be made either so as to apply generally, or so as to apply to any special locality, or so as to apply to any special supplies of any article or to any special producer, manufacturer, dealer or person, or to any class or description of factories workshops premises or plant, or to any special factory workshop premises or plant; and any such order may direct that all contracts, or any class of contracts, or any special contract, affected by the order shall