

Regulation 41b of the Defence of the Realm Regulations is first obtained:

Provided also that this licence shall not permit any person or body of persons to pay to any person or body of persons resident or carrying on business in the said territories any sum of money which by the terms of the Trading with the Enemy Amendment Acts, 1914 and 1915, or either of them is required to be paid to the Custodian appointed under the Trading with the Enemy Amendment Act, 1914, but such sums of money must be paid to the said Custodian:

Provided further that this licence shall not permit any person or body of persons to pay or deliver to any person or body of persons resident or carrying on business in the said territories any sum of money or property of which notice is required to be given to the said Custodian under the said Acts or either of them.

Dated this sixth day of January, 1919.

H. Llewellyn Smith,

A Secretary to the Board of Trade.

*Ministry of Munitions of War,
Whitehall Place, S.W. 1.
7th January, 1919.*

ORDER.

IRON AND STEEL.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling him, hereby gives notice and orders as follows:—

(1) As from the date hereof until further notice the Steel Supplies (Metallurgical Coke, Iron and Steel) Permit, 1916, issued by the Minister of Munitions, dated the 1st November 1916, as varied by subsequent notices, shall take effect as if the following condition were incorporated among the conditions therein contained, namely,

On and after the seventh January, 1919, until further notice, no purchase shall be made or delivery taken of Iron or Steel by any person holding at the date of such purchase any stock of Iron and Steel, or either of them, exceeding by more than 100 tons the amount of such stock held by him on the 31st October, 1915, or the 31st October, 1918, whichever shall be the greater amount, except under and in accordance with a special permit from the Minister of Munitions, which will only be granted on the condition of the permit holder repaying to the Minister of Munitions certain subsidies in respect of all such stock held by such permit holder on the 30th April, 1919, which may be so in excess as above mentioned.

(2) All persons who shall on the 30th April, 1919, hold a stock of Iron and Steel, or either of them, of 100 tons or more shall, within fourteen days after the 30th April, 1919, furnish to the Controller of Iron and Steel Production, Ministry of Munitions, London, a true and complete return of the stock of Iron and Steel held by them (a) on the 31st October, 1915, or the 31st October, 1918, whichever shall be the greater, (b) on the 30th April, 1919, on a form which may be obtained on application to the Controller at the above address.

(3) All Iron and Steel not actually incorporated in any building or structure or work in

progress shall, for the purposes of this Order and the condition above mentioned, be deemed to be stock, and the Iron and Steel referred to shall not include scrap.

(4) This Order may be cited as the Steel and Iron (Purchase and Returns) Order, 1919.

NOTE.

The Steel and Iron (Purchase and Returns) Order of 7th January, 1919, requiring a permit for the purchase of Iron and Steel which may be put into stock during the period of subsidies is not intended, and will not be used by the Ministry, to control or in any way fetter the freedom of the market in Iron and Steel products. All persons applying to the Controller of Iron and Steel production at the Ministry of Munitions will automatically be granted a permit, subject only to acceptance of the condition that they will pay the Ministry a rebate of subsidies in the event of stocks being accumulated on May 1st in excess of the amount defined in the Order. It is suggested that all persons whose stocks are likely, during this period, to exceed 100 tons should at once, and without regard to their immediate operations, apply to the Ministry and have their names included on the list of those licensed to deal during the subsidy period, without restriction.

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ORDER.

BALL BEARINGS.

In reference to the following Order made by the Minister of Munitions, namely:—

The Ball Bearings Order, 1917, dated the 1st November, 1917,

the Minister of Munitions hereby orders as follows:—

(1) The operation of the said Order is hereby suspended on and after the 7th day of January, 1919, until further notice.

(2) Such suspension shall not affect the previous operation of the said Order or the validity of any action taken thereunder or the liability to any penalty or punishment in respect of any contravention or failure to comply with the said Order prior to such suspension or any proceeding or remedy in respect of such penalty or punishment.

(3) This Order may be cited as The Ball Bearings (Suspension) Order, 1919.

Admiralty, 7th January, 1919.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to

Actg. Lieut. Harry Melville Arbuthnot Day, R.M.L.I.

The account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been awarded is as follows:—

On the 9th November, 1918, H.M.S. "Britannia" was torpedoed by an enemy submarine. The explosion of the torpedo was followed by another and more violent explosion of ammunition, and fires were started, resulting in the spread of smoke and fumes. Shortly after the explosion Lieutenant Day