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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1916.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of November 1916.

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 (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914"), 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 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 hereinafter 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. In Regulation 9E, after the words, "the Army Council may" there shall be inserted the words "by order."

2. After Regulation 9F the following regulation shall be inserted :—

9G.—(1) Where the Board of Trade are of opinion that, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm, it is expedient that this regulation should be applied to any coal mines, the Board may by order apply this regulation, subject to any exceptions for which provision may be made in the order, either generally to all coal mines or to coal mines in any special area or in any special coalfields or to any special coal mines.

(2) Any coal mines to which this regulation is so applied shall, by virtue of the order, pass into the possession of the Board of Trade as from the date of the order, or from any later date mentioned in the order ; and the owner, agent, and manager of every such mine, and every officer thereof, and where the owner of the mine is a company every director of the company, shall comply with the directions of the Board of Trade as to the management and user of the mine, and if he fails to do so he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

(3) It is hereby declared that the possession by the Board of Trade under this regulation of any coal mine shall not affect any liability of the actual owner, agent, or manager of the mine under the Coal Mines Act, 1911, or any Act amending the same.

(4) Any order of the Board of Trade under this regulation may be revoked or varied as occasion requires.

3. In Regulation 39A, for the opening words down to and including the words "requisitioned