

17. Raw and dressed sponges.
 18. Glues, gelatines, and substances used in their preparation.
 19. Empty barrels and cases of all kinds and their component parts.

The present decree comes into force on the day of its publication.

Foreign Office (Foreign Trade Department),
 3rd April 1917.

The following additions or corrections to the lists published as a supplement to the Edinburgh Gazette of 19th February 1917, of persons to whom articles to be exported to China and Siam may be consigned, are notified by order of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the provisions of the Proclamation relating to the exportation of articles to China and Siam during the present war, issued on the 24th day of September 1915 :—

CHINA.

The following names are added to the list of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to China may be consigned :—

Batavia Sea & Fire Insurance Co.
 East India Fire & Sea Insurance Co.
 Shengwo & Co., Hankow.
 United Netherlands Lloyds.

The following corrections are notified in the list of persons and bodies of persons to whom articles to be exported to China may be consigned :—

Heisch, P. F., *should read* Hartwell, P. F.
 Thomson, G. Irwin, *should read* Thomson, Irvin.
 Vikula Morocov *should read* Vicula Morosov.

Downing Street,
 31st March 1917.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Sir Wilfred Collet, K.C.M.G. (Governor of British Honduras), to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Guiana.

TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the above Act by the Board of Trade and dated 27th April 1910, the Trade Board established under the above Act for certain branches of the machine-made Lace and Net Finishing trade, as defined in Regulations made by the Board of Trade and dated 16th March 1914,

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, as required by Section 4 of the above Act, that they Propose to Vary certain General Minimum Piece-Rates fixed by them as set out in their Notices dated 18th August 1911, 14th March 1912, and 2nd November 1914, by additions approximating to 25 per cent.

The Trade Board GIVE SIMILAR NOTICE that they Propose to Vary the minimum rates fixed by them and set out in their Notice dated 18th August 1911 in respect of their application to

workers who fetch their own work from the Warehouse in cases where the Employer dispenses with the services of a Middle-woman.

The Trade Board GIVE SIMILAR NOTICE that they Propose to Vary the minimum Time Rate fixed by them for Workers other than Learners from 2½d per hour to 3½d per hour.

The Trade Board GIVE SIMILAR NOTICE that they Propose to Vary, in respect of their amount and their application, the minimum time-rates fixed by them for "Learners" (as defined by the Trade Board) and set out in their Notices dated 18th August 1911 and 2nd November 1914.

The Trade Board GIVE SIMILAR NOTICE that they Propose to Fix General Minimum Piece-Rates for the following processes in Machine-Made Lace and Net Finishing, viz :—

Crossband Cutting.
 Straight Snicking or Slotting.

On application to the Trade Board further information will (if in the opinion of the Trade Board the applicant is likely to be affected by the minimum rates proposed to be varied or proposed to be fixed) be given as to the variations or rates proposed.

The Trade Board will consider any Objections to their Proposals to Vary and to Fix minimum rates which may be lodged with them within three months from 2nd April 1917. Such Objections should be in writing and should be sent to the Secretary of the Lace Finishing Trade Board, Old Serjeants' Inn Chambers, 5 Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Dated this thirty-first day of March 1917.

Signed by Order of the Lace Finishing Trade Board.

ERNEST AVES, Chairman.

Office of Trade Boards,
 Old Serjeants' Inn Chambers,
 5 Chancery Lane,
 London, W.C.

Ministry of Munitions of War,
Whitehall Place,
 30th March 1917.

ORDER.

EXPERIMENTAL MANUFACTURE OF AEROPLANES.

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

(1) On and after the 1st day of April 1917, no person shall without a licence from the Minister of Munitions commence or proceed with the experimental manufacture of any aeroplane or seaplane or any part thereof other than any kind of aero-engine. Provided that where a first application for a licence under this Order shall have been made and is pending for the carrying on of any experimental manufacture which shall have been commenced before the said 1st day of April 1917, nothing in this Order shall prohibit the carrying on of such manufacture until the licence shall have been refused.

(2) For the purpose of this Order the term experimental manufacture shall mean any manufacture which is not under or for the direct purpose of fulfilling a Government contract, and