

until further notice purchase, sell, offer to purchase or sell, or, except for the purpose of carrying out a contract in writing existing prior to such date for the sale or purchase of white lead, lead oxides, lead manufactures, lead alloys or lead compounds of any kind, or a contract in writing existing prior to the 2nd February 1917, for the sale or purchase of any other kind of lead, enter into any transaction or negotiation in relation to the sale or purchase of lead situated outside the United Kingdom except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

2. No person shall as from the date hereof until further notice offer to purchase, purchase or take delivery of any lead situated in the United Kingdom except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, or offer to sell, sell, supply or deliver any such lead to any person other than the holder of such a licence and in accordance with the terms thereof, provided that no such licence shall be required in the case of any offer to sell or purchase, sale, purchase or delivery of such lead.

(a) For the purpose of a contract or order for the time being in existence certified to be within Classes "A" or "B" in the Order of the Minister of Munitions as to priority dated the 8th March 1917, and made in substitution for Circular L.33.

(b) For the purpose of necessary repairs or renewals requiring immediate execution and involving the use of not exceeding 1 cwt. of lead and not exceeding 28 lbs. of white lead, lead oxide or lead compound.

3. No purchase or sale of lead situated in the United Kingdom, or offer to purchase or sell any such lead, whether such purchase, sale or offer is or is not under any licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions shall in the case of any class of lead specified in the schedule hereto be at a price exceeding the price set opposite the same in the said schedule.

4. No person shall as from the date hereof until further notice use any lead for the purpose of any manufacture or work except:—

(a) For the purpose of a contract or order for the time being in existence certified to be within Classes "A" or "B" in the Order of the Minister of Munitions as to priority dated the 8th March 1917, and made in substitution for Circular L.33.

(b) For the purpose of necessary repairs or renewals involving the use of not exceeding 1 cwt. of lead and not exceeding 28 lbs. of white lead, lead oxide or lead compound.

(c) For the purpose of type casting from metal already in the form of type on the 2nd February 1917, or from lead purchased for that purpose prior to that date.

(d) Under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

5. All persons shall within seven days from the first day of each month send in to the Director of Materials (A.M. 2. (E)), Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2., Monthly Returns of:—

(a) All lead held by them in stock or otherwise under their control on the last day of

the preceding month, the lead actually in stock to be shown separately.

(b) All lead purchased or sold by them for future delivery and not yet delivered on such last day.

(c) All lead delivered to them during the preceding month.

(d) All contracts or orders existing on the last day of, or entered into, during the preceding month requiring for their execution the use of lead for any purpose specifying the amounts of lead required monthly for the purpose of such contracts or orders, and distinguishing between the amounts required for work certified to be within Classes "A" and "B" respectively in the said Order of the 8th March 1917, and the amounts required for other purposes.

Notwithstanding the above, no return is required from any person whose total stock of lead in hand and on order for future delivery to him has not at any time during the preceding month exceeded 1 cwt.

6. For the purpose of this Order the expression lead shall mean pig lead, whether virgin or remelted, sheet lead, lead pipe, and old and scrap lead, white lead, whether dry, in oil, or prepared for use, lead oxides, lead manufactures, lead alloys, and lead compounds of every kind, or any of them.

7. All applications for licences to purchase or use lead shall be made to:—

The Director of Materials (A.M. 2. (E)),
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C. 2.,

and marked "Lead Licence."

8. The Order of the Minister of Munitions dated the 2nd February 1917, relating to certain classes of lead is hereby cancelled, but such cancellation shall not affect the previous operation of that 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 same prior to its cancellation, or any proceeding or remedy in respect of such penalty or punishment.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

MAXIMUM PRICES.

Pig Lead.

Virgin Pig Lead, £29 per ton net ex ship, £30 per ton net ex Store or ex Refiners' works.

Scrap Lead or remelted Scrap Lead, £26 per ton net ex Sellers' premises.

Manufactured Lead.

Sheet Lead, £39 10s. per ton; Lead Pipe, £40 per ton, delivered United Kingdom, less 2½ per cent. monthly account; the usual trade extras and allowances to apply.

The rate of exchange between Chemical Houses and Manufacturers of Chemical Sheet Lead, for the old lead in pig lead shape, to be £8 per ton net for Sheet Lead and £8 10s. per ton for Lead Pipe, the manufacturer paying cost of delivery of the old lead; the Sheet Lead or Lead Pipe to be delivered United Kingdom. The usual trade extras to apply.