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TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1917.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of May 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 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. After Regulation 8g the following Regulation shall be inserted :—

"8gg.—On and after the twelfth day of May, nineteen hundred and seventeen, motor spirit shall not be used for the purpose of any motor car let for hire except where the letting of the car—

(a) is in connection with ambulance or hospital work or the conveyance of wounded soldiers, or is to a duly qualified medical practitioner for the purposes of his profession ; or

(b) is in connection with naval or military or munition service or the conveyance of munition workers to or from their work ; or

(c) is authorised by the Board of Trade for any special purpose.

"If any person uses motor spirit, or causes or permits motor spirit to be used, in contravention of this regulation, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

"In this regulation the expression 'motor spirit' has the same meaning as in Part VI. of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.

"Nothing in this regulation shall apply to any motor cab or motor omnibus standing or plying for hire in any street or public place or in any railway station ; but any question as to whether or not a car is exempt under this provision shall be referred to the Board of Trade, whose decision shall be conclusive."

2. After Regulation 42b the following Regulation shall be inserted :—

"42c. If any person, male or female (not being a member of any of His Majesty's naval or military forces) enrolled after the tenth day of May for employment by the Army Council—

(a) without lawful excuse absents himself from any work which it is his duty to perform or from any place where it is his duty to be ; or