

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to signify, and it is hereby signified, that such an agreement as is mentioned in this said Act has been made with Russia, and further His Majesty is pleased, by and with the like advice, to direct and it is hereby directed that the said Act shall have effect with respect to Russia and Russian subjects.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of August 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. Regulation 2c shall be amended as follows:—

(1) After the words "the Army Council" the words "or the Board of Trade" shall be inserted.

(2) After paragraph (e) the following new paragraph shall be inserted :—

"Where any trees, whether standing, felled or converted, possession of which has been so taken, are acquired by the Army Council or the Board of Trade or any person duly authorised by them, the price to be paid in respect thereof shall, in default of agreement, be determined in the manner and in accordance with the principles prescribed by Regulation 2b."

2. At the end of sub-section (1) of Regulation 2j the following words shall be inserted :—

"and the Food Controller may by order provide for the exercise and performance by local bodies constituted by or under any such order of such powers and duties as may be conferred or imposed on them by the order."

3. Regulation 2j shall be amended as follows :—

(1) After sub-section (2) the following new paragraphs shall be inserted :—

(3) The Board of Trade, and any person authorised by them, shall, as respects trees and timber, whether standing, felled or converted, and articles manufactured there-

from, have the like powers as are given to the Army Council under Regulations 2e and 15c, and those regulations shall apply accordingly.

"(4) Any order made by the Army Council under Regulations 2b, 2e or 15c before the 22nd day of August 1917, and in force on that date, affecting any such trees or timber as aforesaid or articles manufactured therefrom, shall continue in force and have effect as if it had been made by the Board of Trade or a person authorised by them under this regulation, and as if the Board of Trade was substituted therein for the Army Council, without prejudice however to any action taken thereunder by the Army Council before that date."

4. At the end of sub-section (5) of Regulation 9gg the following words shall be inserted :—

"and the Army Council shall as respects road materials have the like powers as are exercisable under Regulation 2j by the Board of Trade as respects articles of commerce."

5. After Regulation 7b the following regulation shall be inserted :—

"7b. Where it appears to the Board of Trade that it is necessary for the purpose of maintaining an efficient service and promoting the efficient transport of goods with a view to the successful prosecution of the war that any charges for carrying merchandise by sea between Great Britain and Ireland by a carrier whose power of charge is limited by law should be increased, the Board may by order, notwithstanding anything in any Act prohibiting such increase, authorise an increase, not exceeding such amount as the Board from time to time think necessary in the circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order."

6. At the end of paragraph (d) of Regulation 27 there shall be inserted the words "or to prejudice the success of any financial measures taken or arrangements made by His Majesty's Government with a view to the prosecution of the war."

7. For Regulation 31 the following regulation shall be substituted :—

"31. No person shall bring into the United Kingdom or remove from or to Great Britain to or from Ireland any fire-arms, parts of fire-arms, military arms, parts of military arms, or ammunition or any explosive substance without a permit from the competent naval or military authority, and if any person does so he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and any person who has in his possession or custody or under his control any article so brought or removed in contravention of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, unless he proves that he did not know, and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained, that the article was so brought or removed in contravention of this regulation.

"For the purpose of the enforcement of this provision the powers of search and seizure conferred by Regulation 5l shall be exercisable by officers of customs and excise as well as by the authorities officers and persons mentioned in that regulation."