

*Ministry of Munitions of War,*  
August 25, 1917;

**ORDER TAKING POSSESSION OF FLAX GROWN  
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.**

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

1. He hereby takes possession as from the date hereof of:—

(a) All flax of the 1917 crop grown in the United Kingdom as and when harvested.

(b) All flax grown in the United Kingdom at any time and not at the date hereof in the possession of a flax spinner for the purpose of his business.

(c) All other Flax, except Russian Flax, now or hereafter situated in the United Kingdom.

2. The Flax, of which possession is hereby taken under paragraph 1 (a) and (b), will be divided under the directions of the Controller of Aeronautical Supplies into six grades, according to its quality, handling and cleaning, and the Minister will pay the following prices therefor:—

Special grade, 35s. per stone, delivered at the appointed centre.

1st grade, 32s. 6d. per stone, delivered at the appointed centre.

2nd grade, 30s. per stone, delivered at the appointed centre.

3rd grade, 27s. 6d. per stone, delivered at the appointed centre.

4th grade, 26s. 3d. per stone, delivered at the appointed centre.

5th grade, 25s. per stone, delivered at the appointed centre.

Flax which is inferior in quality to that of the 5th grade hereinbefore mentioned will be paid for upon terms which will be subsequently communicated to the various owners.

3. If after this notice and order any person having control of any flax of which the Minister has taken possession hereunder sells, removes or secretes such flax without the consent of the Minister, he will be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

4. No person shall as from the date hereof 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 the date hereof for the purchase of such Flax, enter into any transaction or negotiation in relation to the sale or purchase of any Flax situated outside the United Kingdom.

5. Further directions with regard to the delivery of flax of which possession is taken hereunder will shortly be issued on behalf of the Minister by the Controller of Aeronautical Supplies.

6. All communications upon the subject of this notice and order should be for the present addressed to the Controller of Aeronautical Supplies and marked Flax Supplies, Dept. S. (M.A.) 1, Air Board Office, Strand, London, W.C. 2.

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**ORDER AS TO WET SPUN YARN MADE  
OF FLAX LINE.**

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

(1) No person shall on or after the first day of September 1917 until further notice spin or manufacture any wet spun yarn made of flax line 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 purchase or take delivery of any wet spun yarn made of flax line except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, or sell, supply or deliver any such wet spun yarn to any person other than the holder of such a licence as last aforesaid.

(3) All applications for a licence in connection with this Order shall be addressed to the Controller of Aeronautical Supplies, Department S. (M.A.) 1, Air Board Office, Strand, London, W.C. 2.

*Ministry of Munitions of War,*  
August 28, 1917.

**ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF MUNI-  
TIONS AS TO STEEL SCRAP.**

The Minister of Munitions hereby cancels the Orders made by him in exercise of the power conferred upon him by Regulation 30A of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and dated the 31st October 1916 and the 1st January 1917 respectively, in so far only as the same relate to Steel Scrap, and hereby, in further exercise of the said power, orders that the war material to which that Regulation applies shall include war material of the following class, that is to say:—Steel Scrap of all classes and descriptions.

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**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO GENERAL  
PERMIT AS REGARDS DEALINGS IN  
CERTAIN STEEL SCRAP.**

With reference to the above Order, the Minister of Munitions hereby gives notice that the General Permit of the 1st November 1916, under the Orders of the 7th July and 31st October 1916, shall henceforth take effect as if the war material referred to in the above Order were included in the Order of the 7th July 1916, and the undermentioned material and prices were specified in the Schedule to the said General Permit, the prices, where the material is already specified in such Schedule, to be in substitution for the prices contained in such Schedule; provided always that Condition 2 of the said General Permit shall not apply to any sale or purchase of the war material