material, stores or article without the consent of the department sells, removes or secretes the same, or deals therewith in any way contrary to any conditions imposed in any licence, permit or order that may have been granted in respect thereof, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

2A. During the continuance in force of these regulations the powers conferred by section 108A of the Army Act and section 108A of the Air Force Act with respect to billeting may, notwithstanding that directions have not been given for embodying all or any part of the Territorial Force, be exercised in the same manner in all respects as if such directions had been given.

3.—(1) The Minister of Transport may by order :—

(*a*) regulate, restrict, or give directions with respect to, the use for the purposes of road transport or the sale or purchase of any horses or vehicles in use or capable of being used for the purpose of road transport :

(*b*) take possession of any such horses or vehicles as aforesaid, or require them to be placed at the disposal of the Minister, or of any person specified by the Minister in that behalf, either absolutely or by way of hire, and either for immediate or future use :

(*c*) require persons owning, or having in their possession or under their control, any such horses or vehicles as aforesaid to make to the Minister, or to any person specified by the Minister in that behalf, returns giving the prescribed particulars with respect to those horses and vehicles, and require any such returns to be verified in the prescribed manner :

(*d*) require persons owning, or having in their possession or under their control, any such horse or vehicle as aforesaid to give notice in the prescribed manner before disposing thereof, or allowing it to pass out of their possession or control :

(*e*) prohibit the carriage of goods of any class by road, and prescribe the radius or distance within which goods or goods of any class may be carried by road :

(*f*) provide for the giving of directions with respect to the carriage of goods on any particular vehicles, or by any particular route, or to any particular clearing house or depot :

(*g*) regulate the priority in which goods are to be carried by road and vehicles used for the purposes of road transport :

(*h*) prescribe the conditions on which, and the rates at which, horses or vehicles may be hired for the purpose of road transport and goods carried by road, and the conditions on which goods so carried or to be carried are to be loaded or discharged :

(*i*) make such other provisions in relation to road transport as appear to the Minister necessary or expedient.

(2) Any order under this regulation may be made so as to apply either generally to all horses and vehicles or to horses or vehicles of any class, or to horses or vehicles belonging to any particular owner.

(3) For the purpose of testing the accuracy of any return made to the Minister under this regulation, or of obtaining information in the case of failure to make a return, or to give any prescribed notice, any person authorised in that behalf by the Minister may enter any premises belonging to or in the occupation of the person who has made or has failed to make the return, or on which the person so authorised has reason to believe that any horses or vehicles with respect to which a return has been required under this regulation are kept and may carry out such inspection and examination (including the inspection and examination of books) as he may consider necessary for testing the accuracy of the return, or for obtaining such information.

(4) No individual return or part of a return made, and no information obtained, under this regulation, shall, without lawful authority, be published or disclosed by any person except for the purpose of a prosecution under this regulation.

(5) If in any case the Minister is of opinion that it is expedient to obtain information from any person in connection with any horses or vehicles, the Minister may, without making an order for the purpose, require or authorise any person on his behalf to require that person to furnish him or any person so authorised with that information, and where the Minister or any person so authorised so requires any information to be furnished the provisions of this regulation shall apply to information furnished and the furnishing of the information as they apply to returns made and the making of returns.

(6) In this regulation the expression "prescribed" means prescribed by an order made under this regulation, and the expression "horse" includes "mule."

(7) If any person :—

(*a*) Acts in contravention of or fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation or of any order or requirement made thereunder ; or

(*b*) sells, removes or secretes any horse or vehicle as so to, or with intent to, defeat, obstruct or delay the operation of any order made under this regulation or any directions duly given in pursuance of any such order ;

he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(8) For the purpose of providing transport for any of the forces of the Crown the Army Council may, by order, exercise all or any of the like powers as are conferred by this regulation on the Minister of Transport, and any order so made by the Army Council shall have the same effect as an order made by the Minister, and all the provisions of this regulation shall apply accordingly.

4.—(1) The Minister of Transport for the purpose of making the most efficient use of the materials or plant belonging to a tramway or light railway undertaking may, by order, require the whole or any part of the rolling-stock, materials and plant, including permanent way, of any such undertaking to be placed at his disposal or at the disposal of any person or body of persons named by him.

Where any such order has been made, the Minister or any such person or body of persons may take possession of such portions of the rolling-stock, materials or plant of such undertaking as they may require, and may remove them and make use of them for the purposes of any other tramway or light railway.