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FRIDAY, 18 JUNE, 1915.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of June, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS under the Ministry of Munitions Act, 1915, it is lawful for His Majesty to appoint a Minister of Munitions, and the Minister of Munitions is to have such administrative powers and duties in relation to the supply of munitions for the present war as may be conferred on him by His Majesty in Council, and His Majesty may also, if he considers it expedient that, in connection with the supply of munitions, any powers or duties of a Government Department or Authority, whether conferred by statute or otherwise, should be transferred to, or exercised or performed concurrently by, the Minister of Munitions, by Order in Council make the necessary provision for the purpose, and any Order made in pursuance of these powers may include any supplemental provisions which appear necessary for the purpose of giving full effect to the Order:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. It shall be the duty of the Minister of

Munitions to examine into and organise the sources of supply and the labour available for the supply of any kind of munitions of war, the supply of which is in whole or in part undertaken by him, and by that means, as far as possible, to ensure such supply of munitions for the present war as may be required by the Army Council or the Admiralty or may otherwise be found necessary.

2. There shall be transferred to the Minister of Munitions as from a date to be agreed upon in each case between the Minister of Munitions and the Department or Authority concerned—

(a) from the Army Council the functions of the Department of the Master-General of the Ordnance in relation to contracts, the supply of explosives, and the inspection of munitions subject, however, in each case to any exceptions and limitations which may be agreed upon between the Army Council and the Minister;

(b) such functions—

(i) in relation to work carried on at the Woolwich Arsenal, the Enfield Small Arms Factory, and the Waltham Powder Factory, as may be agreed upon between the Minister of Munitions and the Army Council; and

(ii) in relation to work carried on at any other Government establishment used for the purpose of the manufacture or supply of munitions of war, as may be agreed upon between the Minister of Munitions and the Department or Authority having the control of that establishment;

(c) Any other work of the Secretary of State for War, or the Army Council, or of the Admiralty, or any other Government Department or Authority, the transfer of which appears expedient to the Minister of Munitions and to the Department or Authority concerned.

3. For the purpose of giving the Minister of Munitions concurrent powers under the enactments and regulations mentioned in the

Schedule to this Order, and in connection therewith, those enactments and regulations shall be read as if, in addition to the Government Department or Authority specified therein, the Minister of Munitions were also specified.

4. The Minister of Munitions shall, in addition to any special powers given to him by this Order, have power, for the purpose of his duties under this Order, to make such contracts and institute such inquiries on behalf of His Majesty and do all such other things as he may consider necessary or expedient for the effective performance of his duties.

5. This Order may be cited as the Ministry of Munitions Order, 1915.

Almeric FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS AND REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH MINISTER OF MUNITIONS IS TO HAVE CONCURRENT POWERS.

Description of Enactment or Regulation.	Subject-matter of Enactment or Regulation.	Present Authority.
Section 1 (1) and section 1 (3) of the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, as amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment), No. 2, Act, 1915.	Power to make regulations as to defence of the Realm.	Admiralty and Army Council.
Section 1 (2) of the Defence of the Realm (Amendment), No. 2, Act, 1915.	Interference with contracts.	Admiralty and Army Council.
The Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914 (28th November)—		
Regulation 7 (as amended by the amending Order in Council of 23rd March 1915).	Power to requisition output of factories manufacturing arms, ammunition, &c.	Admiralty and Army Council.
Regulation 8 (as substituted by amending Order in Council of 23rd March 1915).	Power to take possession of factories manufacturing arms, ammunition, &c.	Admiralty and Army Council.
Regulation 8A (as added by the amending Order in Council of the 23rd March 1915).	Power to regulate work at factories with a view to the manufacture of arms, ammunition, &c.	Admiralty and Army Council.
Regulation 10 	Power to close licensed premises.	Competent naval or military authority.
Regulation 56 (so far as respects offences under any regulations under which the Minister of Munitions has concurrent powers).	Trial of offences	Competent naval or military authority.
Regulation 1 of the Order in Council amending the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914 (23rd March 1915).	Power to take unoccupied premises for the housing of workmen.	Admiralty and Army Council.