

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 10th day of *November*, 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS a state of war exists between His Majesty and the German Emperor, the Emperor of Austria King of Hungary, the Sultan of Turkey and the King of the Bulgarians:

And whereas His Majesty holds it to be His Prerogative Duty as well as His Prerogative Right to take all steps necessary for the Defence and Protection of the Realm:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that it is essential to the Defence and Protection of the Realm that, in the exercise of His Prerogatives as aforesaid, He should prohibit as from and after the First day of December, 1915, the carrying of cargo from any foreign port to any other foreign port by any British Steamship registered in the United Kingdom exceeding 500 tons gross tonnage—and whether or not such ship while carrying such cargo calls at any intermediate port within His Majesty's Dominions—unless the Owner or Charterer of such Steamship has been granted exemption by Licence as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, and in exercise of His Prerogatives as aforesaid and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, to order and it is hereby ordered that, from and after the First day of December, 1915, no British Steamship registered in the United Kingdom exceeding 500 tons gross tonnage shall carry any cargo from any foreign port to any other foreign port—and whether or not such ship while carrying such cargo calls at any intermediate port within His Majesty's Dominions—unless the Owner or Charterer of such Steamship has been granted exemption by Licence as hereinafter provided.

And His Majesty doth hereby declare that the expression "foreign port" herein used shall mean and include any port outside His Majesty's Dominions.

And His Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, and in exercise of His Prerogatives and Powers as aforesaid, is further pleased to authorize and direct the President of the Board of Trade to appoint a Committee of persons to carry out and give effect to the provisions hereof, and that the said Committee shall have power to grant Licences of exemption therefrom to or in favour of Owners and Charterers of such Steamships as aforesaid, which Licences may be general in reference to classes of ships or their voyages or special.

And His Majesty is further pleased to authorize the President of the Board of Trade from time to time to add other persons as members of such Committee, and to substitute as members thereof other persons for such members as may from time to time die, resign, or be or become incapable of acting thereon.

And the President of the Board of Trade is to act and to give instructions and directions accordingly.

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And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that it is essential to the Defence and Protection of the Realm that all British ships registered in the United Kingdom should be made liable to requisition in manner hereinafter appearing for the carriage of foodstuffs and of any other articles of commerce:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, and in exercise of His Prerogatives as aforesaid and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that any British ship registered in the United Kingdom may until further order be requisitioned by and on behalf of His Majesty for the carriage of foodstuffs and of any other articles of commerce, and such requisition is to take effect upon Notice of Requisition being served as hereinafter provided on the Owner of any such ship:

And His Majesty is further pleased, by and with the advice aforesaid, to authorize and direct the President of the Board of Trade to give effect to this Order by causing Notice of Requisition to be served on the Owner of any such ship:

And His Majesty is further pleased, by and with the advice aforesaid, to declare that service of Notice of Requisition on an Owner shall be deemed sufficient and effective if served in the case of an individual Owner by being addressed to such individual Owner and left at his last-known place of business or abode, and in the case of joint Owners by being addressed to such joint Owners and left at the last-known business addresses or places of abode of such joint Owners, and in the case of a Company or Corporation by being addressed to such Company or Corporation and left at the registered or other address of such Company or Corporation, or in any of the aforesaid cases by being addressed to the Managing Owner, Ship's Husband, or other the person to whom the management of the ship is by law entrusted by or on behalf of the Owners, and left at the registered or other last-known address or place of abode of such Managing Owner, Ship's Husband, or other such person, as the case may be:

And His Majesty is further pleased, by and with the advice aforesaid, to declare that any Notice of Requisition which the President of the Board of Trade may cause to be served hereunder, may be signed by any person or persons from time to time authorized for such purpose either generally or specially by the President of the Board of Trade.

And the President of the Board of Trade is to give instructions and directions accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.