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FRIDAY, 20 APRIL, 1917.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 20th day of April, 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 amendment be made in the said Regulations:—

After Regulation 2c, the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"2c.—(1) Where the Food Controller is of opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so for the purpose of his powers and duties, he may by order apply the provisions of this regulation to factories and workshops and other premises in which any article of food specified in the order is manufactured or produced or adapted for sale; and any such order may apply either generally to all such factories, workshops and premises or to any class or description of such factories, workshops and premises, or to any special factories, workshops and premises.

(2) Any factory, workshop or premises to which this regulation is so applied, shall by virtue of the order pass into the possession of the Food Controller as from the date of the order or from any later date mentioned in the order, and the occupier of every such factory, workshop or premises, and every officer of such occupier, and where the occupier is a company, every director of the company, shall comply with the directions of the Food Controller as to the management and user of the factory, workshop or premises, and if he fails to do so, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.