

*Board of Trade, Marine Department,
Whitehall Gardens,
1st February, 1918.*

The Board of Trade hereby give notice under the General Rules for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Hearings, 1907, that they have received during the month of January, 1918, the following Reports of Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties held by (a) Courts in British Possessions abroad; (b) Naval Court:—

- (a) "Scandinavian."
"Brodholme."
"Caterino" and "Tunstall."
"Caraquet."
"Islanda."
(b) "Mafia."

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS.

1918, No. 106.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS, DATED 30TH JANUARY, 1918, UNDER REGULATION 2A (2) OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS CONSTITUTING BIRMINGHAM A SPECIAL AREA FOR THE PURPOSES OF THAT SUBSECTION.

The Minister of Munitions, being of opinion that as respects the area specified in the Schedule annexed hereto in which the work of manufacturing, producing, repairing, storing or transporting war material is being carried on, the ejection from their dwellings of workmen employed in that work is calculated to impede, delay or restrict that work, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, hereby orders and declares that the area specified in the Schedule annexed hereto is a special area for the purpose of sub-section 2 of Regulation 2A of the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Humbert Wolfe.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1918.

SCHEDULE.

The area contained within the circumference of a circle the centre of which is situate at Birmingham Town Hall and the radius of which is ten miles in length.

Ministry of Munitions,

1st February, 1918.

ORDER.

TAR OILS.

Whereas the Minister of Munitions is desirous of cancelling the Order controlling Tar Oils made by him on the 23rd October, 1917, as from the 1st February, 1918, and of substituting the following Order therefor;

Now 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, gives notice and orders as follows:—

1. He hereby takes possession as from the 1st February, 1918, until further notice of all Tar Oil as hereinafter defined then or thereafter situate in the United Kingdom.

2. If any person having control of any such Tar Oil of which possession has been taken under clause 1. hereof without the consent of the Minister of Munitions sells, removes, or secretes it, or deals with it in any way contrary to any conditions imposed in any licences that may be granted in respect thereof, he will be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

3. No person shall on or after the 1st February, 1918, until further notice purchase or take delivery of any such Tar Oil, except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, or offer to sell, sell, supply, or deliver any such Tar Oil to any person other than the holder of such a licence and in accordance with the terms thereof. Provided that no such licence shall be required:—

(a) By any person for the purchase and delivery of such Tar Oil in quantities not exceeding an aggregate of 5 gallons during any one calendar month.

(b) By any person, after the first application by him for and pending the granting or refusal of a licence, for the delivery to him under a contract in writing existing at the date hereof and lawfully entered into of such Tar Oil for the purpose of benzol washing, or the manufacture of disinfectants, antiseptic drugs, lamp or vegetable black, or fuel, to a total amount not exceeding the amount of one month's average monthly deliveries under such contract during the three calendar months immediately preceding the date hereof.

In every case where any such Tar Oil is sold or bought under licence the contract note shall specify the grade to be delivered in accordance with the licence issued to the purchaser, and the oil so delivered shall be in reasonable accordance with the grade so specified. The contract note shall also show in detail the actual f.o.r. or f.o.b. price of the oil to be delivered and all additions and extra charges, whether for freight or otherwise.

4. No purchase or sale of any such Tar Oil or offer to purchase or sell the same, unless such purchase, sale or offer is made under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions and authorising some other price or prices, shall in the case of any class of Tar Oil specified in the schedule hereto be at a price exceeding the price fixed for the same in the said schedule; provided that this clause shall not apply to any deliveries under and in pursuance of a contract in writing entered into prior to the 13th July, 1917.

5. No person, whether he is or is not the actual producer of such Tar Oil, shall on and after the 1st February until further notice use any Tar Oil exceeding in quantity 5 gallons in any one calendar month for the purpose of or in connection with any manufacture or work, except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

6. All persons producing Tar Oil or holding any stock thereof shall furnish to the Controller of Explosives Supply, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1, as and when required by him such returns of Tar Oils at any time manufactured, purchased, sold, supplied, delivered or used by them at such times and in such form as the said Controller of Explosives Supply shall from time to time direct.