

Ministry of Munitions of War,  
19th February, 1918.

ORDER.

LEAD.

ADDITIONAL MAXIMUM PRICES FOR TYPE METAL.

With reference to the Order of 1st September, 1917, made by the Minister of Munitions controlling lead (which was thereby defined as meaning, amongst other things, lead manufactures, lead alloys and lead compounds of every kind or any of them) and fixing certain maximum prices, 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, hereby orders as follows:—

(1.) As from the date thereof until further notice the said Order shall take effect as if there were specified in the schedule thereto the following classes of lead and maximum prices respectively, applicable thereto, that is to say:—

USED TYPE METAL.

| Description.   | Price per ton.<br>£ |
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| (a) Type in case, including Standing Matter in Chase and Paper, on Boards, and Matter awaiting distribution ... .. | 43                  |
| (b) Spacing material, including Quads, Quotations, Metal Furniture and Leads ... ..                                | 29                  |
| (c) Electro Plates and Blocks ... ..   | 30                  |
| (d) Stereo Plates, Metal and Blocks ... ..   | 36                  |
| (e) Linotype Metal ... ..  | 32                  |
| (f) Monotype Metal ... ..  | 36                  |

The above prices include cost of packages and delivery f.o.r.

(2.) This Order may be cited as the Lead Control Amendment Order, 1918.

*Note.*—Nothing contained in the above Order will relieve the purchaser or the seller of any type metal from the necessity of obtaining and observing the terms of the licences required under the above-mentioned Order of the 1st September, 1917.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS—REDUCTION OF VISIBILITY, ETC.

(Cancelling previous Order of January 21st, 1918.)

In areas in which submarines or raiders may be met vessels are to be carefully darkened from sunset to sunrise, and are to proceed without navigation lights. These lights must be so arranged that they can be instantly shown to avoid collision and extinguished as soon as the danger of collision is past. Navigation lights, when specially ordered to be shown, must be dimmed to a visibility of less than two miles.—(Admiralty War Instructions for British Merchant Vessels.)

For the purpose of securing compliance with the last sentence of the above directions, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in

pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, hereby make the following Order:—

1. Masthead Lights.

No Masthead Light of a brilliancy exceeding 2½ candle-power is to be exhibited. Lights are to be shaded with plain opal glass, and the reflectors are to be removed from the lanterns. Masthead Lights are never to be used unless the Master considers it absolutely necessary. The use of Masthead Lights is to be discontinued until provision has been made for their being dimmed in accordance with this Order.

2. Side Lights.

No Side Light of a brilliancy exceeding 8 candle-power shall be exhibited.

In clear weather, and when specially ordered, 5 candle-power lamps are to be exhibited.

Plain-coloured glass is to be fitted to the lanterns, but where already placed dioptric lenses may be continued in use until the plain glasses can be fitted.

Oil Side Lamps are only to be exhibited if electric lights are not available.

Reflectors are to be removed from the lanterns.

3. Stern Lights.

No Stern Light is to be exhibited except to avoid danger of collision, and such light is to be extinguished as soon as the danger is past.

Such light shall be electric of 2½ candle-power shaded with a plain opal glass, and is to be controlled from the bridge.

In ships fitted with dimmers bulbs of a higher candle-power may be used, but lights are not to be shown of a brilliancy exceeding that quoted in this Order, except in special circumstances, such as imminent danger of collision, thick weather, or while navigating in and entering or leaving Harbours, etc.

Such ships are to be supplied with bulbs of the prescribed candle-power, which are to be inserted and used in the lamps should the dimmers fail from any cause.

In vessels where electric light is not installed, an oil lamp or electric torch of equivalent brilliancy may be substituted.

Vessels in Convoy, which on occasion necessarily have to exhibit a Stern Light, are to have such lights screened so as to show not more than three (3) points from right astern on each quarter.

This Order shall apply—subject to any directions that may be given in any particular circumstances by the Commanding Officer of the Convoy or Senior Naval Officer present—to all British Merchant Vessels, and if

(a) the owner of any British Merchant Vessel, or where such owner is a Company, the Managing Director or other responsible person, fails to provide such vessel with the lights hereby prescribed and/or the means of shading the same; or if

(b) the Master or other person in command or charge of such vessel so provided fails to comply with any of the directions in this Order stated or referred to, then such Owner, Managing Director or other responsible person, and such Master or other person in command or charge shall respectively be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.