

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,*

14th March, 1918.

The Secretary for Scotland has been pleased, by Warrant under his hand and Seal dated the 13th instant, to appoint Mr. Robert Lendrem-Ainslie to be Clerk to the Justices of the Peace of the County of Peebles, in the room of Mr. John Ogilvie, resigned.

*Board of Trade,*

7, Whitehall Gardens, S.W. 1.

THE PAPER-MAKING MATERIALS (HOME PRODUCED) ORDER, 1918, DATED THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 1918, MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRADE, UNDER REGULATIONS 2F, 2G, and 2JJ OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

The Board of Trade deeming it expedient to exercise the powers vested in them by Regulations 2F, 2G, and 2JJ of the Defence of the Realm Regulations as respects paper-making materials, hereby order as follows:—

1. On and after 1st April, 1918, no person shall buy or offer to buy any material produced or collected in the United Kingdom for the purpose of using or disposing of it for the manufacture of paper, cardboard, millboard, or other similar goods, except under and in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Controller of Paper.

2. On and after 1st April, 1918, no person shall sell, or offer for sale, any material produced or collected in the United Kingdom with intent that it may be used for the manufacture of paper, cardboard, millboard, or other similar goods, except to the holder of and in accordance with the terms of such a permit as aforesaid.

3. Every dealer in paper-making material produced or collected in the United Kingdom, hereinafter referred to as "a dealer," shall supply during the year ending 31st March, 1919, to those customers to whom he supplied such material during the six months from 1st September, 1917, to 28th February, 1918, if required by them, with twice the amount of each of the same class of such materials as he supplied to such customers during the said six months provided that:—

(a) The dealer has been granted a permit to buy material;

(b) Reasonable notice has been given by the customer of his requirements;

(c) The dealer's supplies of material are sufficient to meet such requirements;

(d) If the dealer's supplies are not sufficient to meet all requirements of which he shall have had notice, he shall distribute his available stock between the customers from whom he has received notice pro rata to the amounts supplied to them during the said six months, or as the Controller of Paper may direct;

(e) Any balance of stock that remains after supplying such customers with the amounts to which they are entitled under this paragraph shall be disposed of as the Controller of Paper may direct.

(f) The Controller of Paper may in writing excuse the fulfilment by a dealer of any requirement, or any part thereof, if in his opinion the execution thereof is impossible or unreasonable.

4. The notice referred to in the last preceding paragraph shall refer to the customer's requirements during each six monthly period ending 30th September, 1918, and 31st March, 1919. In default of such notice he shall not be entitled to receive supplies. Any question as to the sufficiency or reasonableness of such notice shall be determined by the Controller of Paper. Such notice shall not, unless by consent of the parties, be withdrawn.

5. From and after the date of this Order no dealer, without the consent of the Controller of Paper, shall sell for the manufacture of any of the articles mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof any material produced or collected in the United Kingdom at a price exceeding the average price charged by him to the same customer for the same class of material during the said period of six months referred to in the last paragraph, and if the sale is to a customer who was not supplied by such dealer during the said period, the price shall not exceed the highest average price charged by such dealer to any customer of his during the same period.

6. The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 5 inclusive shall not apply to wood, straw, or raw vegetable fibre unless and until the said paragraphs are applied thereto by notice given by the Controller of Paper, nor shall the said paragraphs apply to sales or purchases not exceeding 2 cwt. at one time if such sales or purchases are not part of a transaction or series of transactions involving the sale or purchase of a greater quantity. Such notice may alter or modify the dates and period referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 hereof as the Controller of Paper may deem expedient.

7. The owner of every mill or factory in which paper, cardboard, millboard, or other similar goods are made, and if the owner is a company, the secretary of such company, shall send to the Controller of Paper on Monday in each week a true return showing the quantities of each description of paper-making materials produced or collected in the United Kingdom delivered to them during the week preceding the date on which such return is made, and such return shall give the names and addresses of the persons from whom the said materials were bought and the prices paid therefor.

8. Nothing in this Order shall apply to waste paper as defined in an Order dated 15th May, 1917, made by the Minister of Munitions, and the provisions of the said Order shall not be affected by this Order.

9. All persons shall obey the instructions of the Controller of Paper relating to the purchase, sale, distribution, supply, transport, or storage of, or the giving of information as to, paper-making materials produced or collected in the United Kingdom.

10. Infringements of this Order are summary offences under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

11. This Order may be cited as the Paper-making Materials (Home Produced) Order, 1918.

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A Secretary to the Board of Trade.