

that behalf by the Minister may enter any premises belonging to or in the occupation of the person who has made or has failed to make the return, or on which the person so authorised has reason to believe that any horses or vehicles with respect to which a return has been required under this regulation are kept, and may carry out such inspection and examination (including the inspection and examination of books) as he may consider necessary for testing the accuracy of the return, or for obtaining such information.

(4) No individual return or part of a return made, and no information obtained, under this regulation, shall without lawful authority be published or disclosed by any person except for the purpose of a prosecution under this regulation.

(5) If in any case the Minister is of opinion that it is expedient to obtain information from any person in connection with any horses or vehicles, the Minister may, without making an order for the purpose, require or authorise any person on his behalf to require that person to furnish him or any person so authorised with that information, and where the Minister or any person so authorised so requires any information to be furnished the provisions of this regulation shall apply to information furnished and the furnishing of the information as they apply to returns made and the making of returns.

(6) In this regulation the expression "prescribed" means prescribed by an order made under this regulation, and the expression "horse" includes "mule."

(7) If any person:

(a) acts in contravention of or fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation or of any order or requirement made thereunder; or

(b) sells, removes or secretes any horse or vehicle so as to, or with intent to, defeat, obstruct or delay the operation of any order made under this regulation or any directions duly given in pursuance of any such order;

he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(8) For the purpose of providing transport for any of the forces of the Crown the Army Council may by order exercise all or any of the like powers as are conferred by this regulation on the Minister of Transport, and any order so made by the Army Council shall have the same effect as an order made by the Minister, and all the provisions of this regulation shall apply accordingly.

4.—(1) The Minister of Transport for the purpose of making the most efficient use of the materials or plant belonging to a tramway or light railway undertaking may by order require the whole or any part of the rolling-stock, materials and plant, including permanent way, of any such undertaking to be placed at his disposal or at the disposal of any person or body of persons named by him.

Where any such order has been made the Minister or any such person or body of persons may take possession of such portions of the rolling-stock, materials or plant of such undertaking as they may require and may remove them and make use of them for the purposes of any other tramway or light railway.

(2) The Minister of Transport may by order restrict in such manner as may be specified in

the order the traffic on any tramway or light railway.

(3) If any person fails to comply with the provisions of any order made under this regulation or wilfully hinders or impedes the execution of any such order he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

5. Where with a view to preventing congestion of traffic on, or excessive damage to, public highways the Minister of Transport considers it is expedient to do so, he may by order regulate or provide for the regulation of transport on public highways, and may by such order provide for directions being given for prescribing the routes to be followed and restricting the types of vehicles to be used, and if any person affected by the order fails to comply with the provisions thereof or with any directions given thereunder he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

6. The Minister of Transport or any person appointed by him for the purpose may grant to any person a licence to drive a motor car during the period for which the proclamation of emergency is in force and shall have effect as if granted under the Motor Car Act, 1903.

7.—(1) Where the Minister of Transport is of opinion that it is expedient that this regulation should be applied to any canals, the Minister may by order apply this regulation, subject to any exceptions for which provision may be made in the order, either generally to all canals or to canals in any special area or to any special canals.

(2) Any canals to which this regulation is so applied shall, by virtue of the order, pass into the possession of the Minister as from the date of the order, or from any later date mentioned in the order, and the owner of every such canal and every person concerned in the management or working thereof, and where the owner of the canal is a company, every director of the company, shall comply with the directions of the Minister as to the management and user of the canal and if he fails to do so he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(3) In this regulation the expression "canal" includes all buildings, barges, machinery and plant used in connection with the working of the canal.

(4) Where the Minister has taken possession of any canal, the Minister may by order prohibit persons, not being the owner of the canal, who own any barges used thereon, or any machinery or plant used in connection with the loading or unloading of any such barges, from disposing of any such barges, machinery, or plant, without the consent of the Minister or some person or body of persons acting on his behalf, and if any person acts in contravention of any such order he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(5) The Minister shall have power by order to apply this regulation to undertakings of carriers by canal in like manner and with the like consequences as in the case of canals, and for the purposes of this provision the expression "carrier by canal" means a person, not being an owner of a canal, who carries on the business of transporting goods by canal, and the expression "undertaking" includes all buildings, barges, machinery and plant used by the owner thereof in connection with such business.

8.—(1) The Board of Trade or any other Government Department approved by His