

buttons, button-moulds, metal fancy buttons, button-headed studs, upholsterers' buttons or upholsterers' button-headed nails (excluding in all cases, except as hereinafter provided, the making of the shanks), or in the covering of button-moulds.

(b) All processes and operations in the making of the following articles when done in association with or in conjunction with the work specified in sub-paragraph (a) above:—

- (i) shanks;
- (ii) studs, links or parts thereof from any material other than metal;
- (iii) clasps, slides, ornaments and similar articles used on wearing apparel when such articles are made:—

(1) wholly or mainly from any material other than metal, and

(2) in a branch or department in which articles mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) are made or carded.

(c)—(i) the carding wherever carried on of any of the articles specified in sub-paragraph (a) above;

(ii) the carding of any of the articles specified in sub-paragraph (b) above except when done apart from any of the making which is included in the trade herein specified and from the carding of articles specified in sub-paragraph (a).

(d) The manufacture of metal small-wares as specified in paragraphs (1) to (6) of the Appendix to the Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares) Order, 1924, when carried on in an establishment mainly engaged in any of the processes or operations mentioned above.

(e) All processes and operations in the (i) assembling or (ii) finishing of articles specified above when done in association with or in conjunction with any of the above-mentioned processes or operations.

(f) All processes and operations in the warehousing, packing, or despatching of any of the articles specified above when done in association with or in conjunction with any of the above-mentioned processes or operations.

2. Notwithstanding anything in this Appendix the following processes or operations shall not be processes or operations of the Button Manufacturing Trade:—

(a) The manufacture of wooden button-moulds where not carried on in association with or in conjunction with button-making;

(b) The making of buttons or the covering of button-moulds in an establishment in which (i) such work is performed in association with or in conjunction with the making of wearing apparel and (ii) the majority of the buttons made or of the button-moulds covered are for use on such wearing apparel.

(c) The making of buttons or the covering of button-moulds when done in association with or in conjunction with the manufacture of embroidery and trimmings, unless such making of buttons or covering of button-moulds is done (i) by machine process and (ii) in a separate department by workers exclusively engaged thereon.

(d) The processes or operations specified in paragraph 1 above when performed in an

establishment mainly engaged in the manufacture of articles of real or imitation jewellery except when performed by a worker who during the whole time that he works in any week in such establishment is wholly or mainly employed on such processes or operations.

(e) Any work which by paragraph 7 of the Appendix to the Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares) Order, 1924, is included in the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares trade.

#### DRAFT INSTRUCTIONAL CIRCULAR.

#### TRADE BOARDS (BUTTON MANUFACTURING) ORDER, 1925.

1. It has been represented to the Minister of Labour that it might prove of assistance to employers and workers and others concerned in the application of the Trade Boards Acts, 1909-1918, if, in suitable cases, when he makes an Order applying the Acts to a trade for the first time or when he makes an Order varying the existing description of a trade contained in an Order made under the said Acts, some information was given by a departmental Instructional Circular as to his understanding of the scope of the Order.

2. An authoritative interpretation of the Trade Boards Acts and/or of Orders made thereunder can only be given by the Courts of Law and on the understanding that any views which he may express provisionally as to the inclusion within, or exclusion from the scope of the Acts and/or Orders made thereunder of any trade, process, operation, articles or of any class of worker are given on the information at the time in his possession and are subject to revision in the light of further information, the Minister makes the observations which follow in paragraph 3 *et seq.* below for the guidance of all concerned in the application of the Trade Boards (Button Manufacturing) Order, dated 1925.

3. The Button Making trade was first defined for the purposes of the Trade Boards Acts in the Appendix to the Minister's Special Order dated 20th October, 1919.

Following upon the revision of the Definition of the Stamped or Pressed Metal Wares trade, it was found necessary to make a slight consequential amendment in the Definition of the Button Making trade, the object of this amendment and of the revised Stamped or Pressed Metal Wares definition being to avoid the original position whereby certain establishments manufacturing both buttons and other stamped or pressed articles might be affected by the Orders of both Boards. This amendment was effected by the Minister's Special Order dated 6th August, 1924, and the position now is that the Board under which such establishments fall is henceforward determined according as they are mainly engaged in one or the other trade.

4. By the Minister's third Order dated 1925, the Definition contained in the previous Order is varied by the substitution therefor of the description set out in the Appendix. Generally, the effect of the new definition is to remove doubts which have arisen in the past with respect to the position