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BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

ELIZABETH R.

WHEREAS by the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, it is enacted that if it appears to Us that any action has been taken or is immediately threatened by any persons or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel, or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, We may, by proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists:

And Whereas the present stoppage of work on an extensive scale on the railways does, in Our opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act, We do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby declare that a state of emergency exists.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral this thirty-first day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and in the Fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

1955 No. 791.

EMERGENCY POWERS.

THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, 1955.

Made - - - - - 31st May, 1955
Coming into Operation 1st June, 1955

To be laid before Parliament.

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS.

Regulation No.

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At the Court at Balmoral, the 31st day of May, 1955.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS a proclamation of emergency has been made under section one of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920 (10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 55), and is now in force:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of section two of the said Act, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Use of goods vehicles.

1.—(1) A goods vehicle with respect to which no licence under Part I of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933 (23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 53), is in force may, notwithstanding anything in that Act as extended by any other Act, be used on a road for the carriage of goods for hire or reward or for or in connection with any trade or business carried on by any person so long as the use thereof is under and in accordance with a general or special authority granted for the purposes of this paragraph by or on behalf of the Minister.

(2) Where a licence granted under Part I of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, is in force with respect to any vehicle, the uses of that vehicle which are authorised by the licence shall, notwithstanding anything in section two of that Act or in the terms of the licence, be deemed to extend to any use made of that vehicle under and in accordance with a general or special authority granted for the purposes of this paragraph by or on behalf of the Minister, and nothing in any condition of a licence so granted shall apply to any use of any vehicle to which the licence relates so long as that use is under and in accordance with any such general or special authority.

In this paragraph "condition" includes conditions attaching to a licence or to licences of any class by or by virtue of any provisions of any Act, including, in particular, sections seven and eight of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933.

(3) In this Regulation "the Minister" means the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.