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TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1914.

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 18th day of June 1914.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and four of the Explosives Act, 1875, it is enacted that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, declare that any substance which appears to His Majesty to be specially dangerous to life or property by reason either of its explosive properties or of any process in the manufacture thereof being liable to explosion, shall be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act, and the provisions of the said Act (subject to such exceptions, limitations, and restrictions, as may be specified in the Order) shall accordingly extend to any such substance in like manner as if it were included in the term "explosive" in the said Act:

And whereas acetylene, when liquid or subject to a certain degree of compression, or when in admixture with air or oxygen, is specially dangerous to life or property by reason of its explosive properties:

And whereas the provisions of section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order and declare, and be it ordered and declared, as follows:—

Acetylene, when liquid or when subject to a pressure above that of the atmosphere capable of supporting a column of water exceeding two hundred and fifty inches in

height, and whether or not in admixture with other substances, or when in admixture with atmospheric air or with oxygen gas in whatever proportion and at whatever pressure, and whether or not in admixture with other substances, shall be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act, subject to the following exception; that if it be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that acetylene, declared to be explosive by this Order when in admixture with any substance, or in any form or condition, is not possessed of explosive properties, the Secretary of State may, by Order, exempt such acetylene from being deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act.

And whereas by section forty-three of the Explosives Act, 1875, it is provided that His Majesty, from time to time, by Order in Council may prohibit, either absolutely or except in pursuance of a licence of the Secretary of State under the said Act, or may subject to conditions or restrictions the manufacture, keeping, importation from any place out the United Kingdom, conveyance, and sale, or any of them, of any explosive which is of so dangerous a character that in the judgment of His Majesty it is expedient for the public safety to make such Order:

And whereas it is in the judgment of His Majesty expedient for the public safety that acetylene, when an explosive within the meaning of this Order, shall be prohibited:

And whereas the provisions of section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above-