

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of June 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of November nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make Regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915:

And whereas the said Regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said Regulations in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said Regulations:

1. After Regulation 2c the following Regulation shall be inserted:—

"2d. It shall be lawful for the Admiralty or Army Council or the Minister of Munitions, or any person authorised by them to act in their behalf, after consultation with the Board of Trade, to give directions as to the priority to be given in the execution of orders or contracts for the supply of coal or coke, with a view to securing precedence for orders or contracts in accordance with their national importance, and the owner, agent, or manager of any mine or any other person affected by the directions who fails to comply with any directions so given, and any person who in any certificate or document given or issued for the purpose of securing priority for any order or contract in pursuance of such directions makes any false statement or false representation, shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations."

2. In Regulation 19 after the words "without the permission of the competent naval or military authority" there shall be inserted the words "or the Minister of Munitions."

3. After paragraph (g) of Regulation 45 the following paragraph shall be inserted:—

"or (h) makes any statement or does any act intended or calculated to mislead or deceive any person in the employment of or acting for or on behalf of His Majesty or any Government Department, or the Government of any of His Majesty's Dominions or the Government of any Allied State as to the quantity or quality of any war material or other goods, or otherwise in relation to the manufacture, testing, or supply thereof, or with the like intent withholds any information in his possession."

4. In Regulation 55 after the words "as may be fixed by the competent naval or military authority" the following proviso shall be inserted:—

"Provided that a person so taken into custody as having committed a summary offence against these regulations may be

released on bail in manner aforesaid without application to or direction from the competent naval or military authority."

5. In subsection (5) of Regulation 56, for the words "may be tried by a court of summary jurisdiction and not otherwise" there shall be substituted the words "may, if he is not subject to the Naval Discipline Act or to military law, be tried by a court of summary jurisdiction and not otherwise, and, if he is so subject, may be so tried or may be dealt with as for an offence against the Naval Discipline Act or military law, as the competent naval or military authority may decide."

6. In Regulation 58d, after the words "while he was subject to military law shall," there shall be inserted the words "unless the competent military authority otherwise directs and."

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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Lord President.  
Lord Steward.  
Mr. H. J. Tennant.  
Sir Frederick Ponsonby.  
Dr. Addison.  
Mr. C. W. Bowerman.  
Sir Gilbert Parker, Bt.  
Sir Harry Samuel.  
Sir George Foster.

**W**HEREAS by Section 20 (3) of "The Finance Act, 1894," it is enacted that His Majesty the King may, by Order in Council, apply that Section to any British Possession where His Majesty is satisfied that, by the law of such Possession, either no duty is leviable in respect of property situate in the United Kingdom when passing on death, or that the law of such Possession as respects any duty so leviable is to the like effect as the foregoing provisions of that Section:

And whereas His Majesty is satisfied that the law of the Commonwealth of Australia, as respects the duty leviable by the Government of the Commonwealth in respect of property situate in the United Kingdom when passing on death is to the like effect as the provision of Sub-section (1) of the aforesaid Section:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power by the aforesaid Act in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Section 20 of "The Finance Act, 1894," shall apply to the Commonwealth of Australia.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the