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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1916.

War Office,
September 14, 1916.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM (CONSOLIDATION) REGULATIONS, 1914-16.

ORDER AMENDING THE ORDER OF 31ST MARCH 1916.

PROHIBITION OF THE LIFTING OF HAY AND STRAW IN GREAT BRITAIN.

1. Whereas, by Order of 31st March 1916, the Army Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914-16, took possession of all hay or oat or wheat straw (threshed or unthreshed) then standing on a farm or other premises in bulk in Great Britain, and directed that as from the date of such Order the same should be held at the disposal of the duly authorised officers of the War Department, and provisions were made by the said Order as to applications for purchase or removal of such hay or oat or wheat straw.

And whereas it is desired to amend the said Order of 31st March 1916, by substituting for the provisions contained in the said Order, as to applications for purchase or removal the provisions hereinafter contained and otherwise as hereinafter appears.

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914-16, the Army Council hereby give notice that as

from the date of this Order the said Order of 31st March 1916 shall be amended as follows, viz. :—The portion of the said Order relating to applications for purchase or removal, that is to say, the whole of the said Order after the words “duly authorised officers of the War Department,” is hereby revoked, with the exception of the list of addresses of officers, and in lieu of the portion revoked the following provisions shall have effect :—

2. Applications (applying to hay or wheat or oat straw of the 1915 or earlier crops) for the sale or purchase or removal for the needs of private consumers will as a rule only be entertained for such amounts as appear to the person to whom the application is made from a declaration to be furnished by the applicant to be necessary either for consumption by the stock in the applicant's possession or control or to be equal to the average quantity dealt in, sold, or consumed by the applicant during the twelve calendar months preceding the date of this Order, and if it appears from the declaration accompanying an application to purchase that the applicant has not purchased or removed or applied for the purchase or removal of hay or straw from any other source covering the same service.

3. Applications to enable hay or wheat or oat straw to be sold to private consumers or dealers will only be granted in respect of qualities and quantities of hay or straw which, after inspection by an officer of the Forage Department or authorised Member of a County or Central Committee, or in Scotland of the Forage