

In this provision the expression "warehouse" means a Customs warehouse or an Excise warehouse.

2. All importers, manufacturers and dealers in tobacco shall comply with any general or special directions which may be given by the Board of Trade or by some person deputed by them for the purpose as to the manner or quantities in which tobacco is to be sold or disposed of by them to their customers.

3. On and after the first day of June nineteen hundred and seventeen a person shall not, without the consent of the Board of Trade, sell or offer for sale, whether wholesale or by retail, any tobacco, manufactured or unmanufactured, at a price exceeding by more than such amount as the Board of Trade may from time to time allow the price at which tobacco of the same description and in similar quantities and under like conditions affecting the sale or offer was sold or offered for sale by that person on the first day of May nineteen hundred and seventeen.

4. In this Order the expression "tobacco" includes cigars, cigarettes, cigarillos, and snuff.

5. Infringements of this Order are summary offences subject to penalties under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

6. This Order may be cited as the Tobacco Restriction Order (No. 1), 1917.

H. LLEWELLYN SMITH.

#### TOBACCO RESTRICTION ORDER. (No. 1), 1917.

Instructions of the Board of Trade in pursuance of the above Order.

1. The Board of Trade hereby authorise the delivery of Tobacco on and after 1st June and until further notice, subject to the following conditions :—

(a) Any person may deliver in each calendar month one-twelfth of his total deliveries during the calendar year nineteen hundred and sixteen, and no more, except that any deficiency in the amount so delivered in any month may be made up in the following month.

(b) Any person may take delivery in each calendar month of one-twelfth of the total amount delivered to him during the calendar year nineteen hundred and sixteen, and no more, except that any deficiency in the amount of which delivery is taken in any month may be made up in the following month.

(c) Any person delivering Tobacco shall keep a record in a form prescribed by the Board of Trade of the quantities of tobacco delivered, giving the name and address of the person or firm to whom delivery was made, and shall furnish to the Board a return of such deliveries in such manner and at such times as may be prescribed by the Board.

2. Tobacco sold by manufacturers, importers and wholesale dealers shall as nearly as possible be of the same description and be sold in similar quantities and under like conditions and to the same customers as in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

H. LLEWELLYN SMITH.

30th May 1917.

#### STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS, 1917. No. 521.

##### DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

Disposal of Canal Barges and Plant Order, dated May 31, 1917, made by the Board of Trade under Regulation 9 H (5) of the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Regulation 9 H (5) of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the Board of Trade hereby order as follows :—

1. No person, not being an owner of a canal of which the Board of Trade have taken possession, shall dispose of any barges used on any such canal or of any machinery or plant used in connection with the loading or unloading of any such barges without the consent of the Canal Control Committee.

2. Any person acting in contravention of, or failing to comply with, any provision of this Order is guilty of a summary offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

3. (1) This Order may be cited as the Disposal of Canal Barges and Plant Order, 1917.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the first day of June 1917.

A. H. STANLEY,

President of the Board of Trade.

Board of Trade,  
31st May 1917.

#### USE OF MINE PROTECTION GEAR IN CERTAIN WATERS.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Regulation 37 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling them the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty make the following Regulation with a view to protecting vessels navigating within certain Areas from the risk of damage by Mine :—

No British vessel equipped as directed by the Admiralty or Shipping Controller with the "Otter" protective gear shall, while navigating within the 60-fathom line off the United Kingdom or in any waters less than 60 fathoms deep where mines have been reported or may with reasonable probability be encountered, or in less than 80 fathoms in the Mediterranean Sea, neglect to have such protective gear properly adjusted and actually running outboard and adequately manned to secure the efficient working of the apparatus; and the Master or other person in command or charge of any British vessel who neglects to see that such apparatus is so adjusted, running, manned and worked shall be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Given under our hands this 31st day of May 1917.

(Signed) CECIL BURNEY.

(Signed) H. H. D. TOTBILL.