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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1917.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of October 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS 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 Regulations") 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 other enactments :

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. Regulation 2r shall be amended by the substitution for the words from "and the Food Controller" to the end of sub-section (1) thereof of the following words "and the Food Controller may by order provide for the exercise and performance by local or other bodies constituted by or under any order of the Food Controller of

such powers and duties as may be conferred or imposed on them by the Food Controller."

2. In Regulation 14r after the words "Army Council" there shall be inserted the words "or the Director-General of National Service."

3. After Regulation 17 the following regulations shall be inserted :—

"17A. (1) It shall be the duty of the occupier of any premises, on being required so to do by the chief officer of police of the police area in which the premises are situated, or any person authorised by him, to allow those premises or any part thereof to be used by the public as a shelter against hostile attack by air and to take all such steps as may be so required for the purpose of making the premises available as such shelter at such times as they may be required for the purpose.

"(2) The chief officer of police of the police area in which any premises are situated, or any person authorised by him, may enter and inspect the premises with a view to ascertaining whether they are suitable for use for such purpose as aforesaid or whether any requirement made with respect to the premises under the preceding provisions of this regulation has been complied with.

"(3) If any person fails to comply with any requirement made under the provisions of this regulation or obstructs any chief officer of police or any person authorised as aforesaid in the execution of his powers under this regulation he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations."