

year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of November 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 2JJ shall be amended as follows:—

(1) By the insertion in subsection (1) thereof after the words, "any section of the public," of the words, "or which is otherwise required for the public safety or defence of the Realm."

(2) By the insertion at the end thereof of the following new paragraph:—

"(5) Without prejudice to the powers of the Army Council the Board of Trade may exercise as respects horses (including mules) and horse-drawn vehicles all the powers that they may exercise under this regulation with respect to an article of commerce not being an article of food, and orders under this subsection may provide for the giving of instructions in relation to horses and horse-drawn vehicles in such manner and by such persons as the Board of Trade may direct, and for enabling the Board to take possession of any horse or horse-drawn vehicle either absolutely or by way of hire.

Such compensation shall be paid for any horse or horse-drawn vehicle so taken possession of as shall in default of agreement be determined by the arbitration of a single arbitrator appointed in manner provided by an order of the Board of Trade, but in determining the amount of the compensation the arbitrator shall have regard to the age and condition of the horse or vehicle, to the allowance of a reasonable profit on the price, if any, paid by the person from whom the same is taken, and to any other circumstance without necessarily taking into consideration the market price at the time.

Nothing in this subsection shall apply to horses or horse-drawn vehicles used wholly or mainly in agriculture or to vehicles licensed to ply for hire."

2. Regulation 2M shall be amended as follows:—

(1) By the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (z) of subsection (1) thereof—

"(z) by notice served on the occupier or person in control of any dam, mill, lock, sluice, weir, or other structure affecting the flow of water in any river or stream, require such occupier or person to keep open or closed any mechanical appliance by which the inflow or outflow of water is capable of being regulated during such times and in such manner as the Board, having regard to the use by such occupier or person of the structure and of the water thereby impounded, consider to be necessary or desirable for the prevention of floods or for the draining of land adjoining or near the river or stream; and"

(2) By the insertion after paragraph (j) of subsection (1) thereof of the following new paragraphs:—

"(k) enter on or take possession of any dam, mill, lock, sluice, weir, or other structure affecting the flow of water in any river or stream and remove or repair or alter or maintain and use the same where such action is in the opinion of the Board necessary or desirable for the prevention of floods or for the drainage of agricultural land; and

(l) for the purpose of removing any obstruction to or otherwise improving the flow of water in any river or stream, or maintaining or improving the banks of any river or stream or any sea defence or drainage outfall, enter on the river or stream or any land adjoining or near the river stream, defence, or outfall; and

(m) where any expenses are incurred by the Board in the exercise of any of their powers under paragraphs (k) or (l) of this regulation, recover those expenses, so far as they are directly attributable to the default of any person in carrying out his obligations under statute or otherwise, from that person."

(3) By the substitution in subsection (4) thereof for the words, "the person then entitled to resume occupation of the land," of the words, "any person then interested in the land as owner or tenant or otherwise."

(4) By the substitution in paragraph (9) thereof for the words, "paragraphs (h) (z) and (j)," wherever those words occur, of the words, "paragraphs (h) to (m) (both inclusive)."

3. The following shall be substituted for Regulation 2NN:—

"2NN.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, the acreage planted with hops on any holding in England or Wales shall, before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, be reduced to one half of the acreage on the holding which is proved by the occupier of the holding to have been planted with hops in the month of June, nineteen hundred and fourteen (excluding from such last mentioned acreage land which was planted with hops after the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirteen), and thereafter, so long as this regulation remains in force, the acreage on the holding so planted shall not exceed that proportion.