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FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of May 1918.

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. The following regulation shall be inserted after Regulation 2_{JJ}:—

"2JJJ. (1) Where the Board of Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") are

of opinion that, with a view to providing and maintaining an efficient system for the transport of goods by road (hereinafter referred to as 'road transport') and using in the manner best suited to the needs of the country any horses or vehicles in use or capable of being used for the purpose of road transport, and thereby furthering the succesful prosecution of the war or otherwise securing the defence of the realm, it is expedient that they should exercise the powers given to them under this regulation, the Board may by order do all or any of the following things, that is to say:—

(a) regulate, restrict, or give directions with respect to, the use for the purposes of road transport or the sale or purchase of any such horses or vehicles as aforesaid:

(b) take possession of any such horses or vehicles as aforesaid or require them to be placed at the disposal of the Board or of any person specified by the Board in that behalf either absolutely or by way of hire and either for immediate or future

(c) require persons owning, or having in their possession or under their control, any such horses or vehicles as aforesaid to make to the Board, or to any person specified by the Board in that behalf, returns giving the prescribed particulars with respect to those horses and vehicles, and require any such returns to be verified in the prescribed manner:

(d) require persons owning, or having