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TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1926.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of June 1926.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section one hundred and four of the Explosives Act, 1875, it is enacted that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, declare that any substance which appears to His Majesty to be specially dangerous to life and property shall be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act:

And, whereas, by Section fifty of the said Act, it is enacted that His Majesty may exempt from any provision of the said Act any explosive prescribed by Order in Council:

And whereas the provisions of Section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order and declare, and be it ordered and declared, as follows:—

1. Picric acid when in process of manufacture shall (for whatever purpose used or manufactured) be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act, subject to the following exception:—

When the picric acid is mixed with not less than half its own weight of moisture in every process of manufacture, it shall not be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act.

2. Picric acid when kept, conveyed, imported

or sold, shall (for whatever purpose used or manufactured) be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act, subject to the following exceptions:—

(a) Picric acid mixed with not less than half its own weight of water shall not be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act.

(b) Picric acid when the quantity does not exceed 1 lb. shall not be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act: provided

(i.) such picric acid is so kept and conveyed as not to be liable, whether under the action of fire or otherwise, to come in contact with any substance specified in the First Schedule hereto, or with any fire or light capable of igniting such picric acid;

(ii.) such picric acid when dry is contained in a package from which the contents cannot escape; and in the construction of which no metal other than aluminium or an alloy containing not less than 90 per cent. of aluminium is used;

(iii.) each package is legibly marked "Picric acid";

(iv.) if the picric acid is contained in glass bottles the stoppers shall not be of glass.

Picric acid when not subject to the above exemptions must be packed and marked as required by the Order of Secretary of State relating to the packing of explosives.

3. The mixtures of picric acid with other substances specified in the Second Schedule to this Order, shall not be deemed to be ex-