

effect, fall within the definition of explosive contained in section three of the said Act; but when used or manufactured for any other purpose, do not fall within the said definition:

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:—

I. 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:—

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

II. 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 be exempt from being deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act.

(b.) Picric acid which does not fall within the exemption (a), when the quantity does not exceed two thousand pounds in any one ship, boat, carriage, building or place, shall be exempt from being deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act; provided that 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 schedule hereto, or with any fire or light capable of igniting such picric acid.

Provided also that such picric acid when dry is so packed in a substantial barrel or case that the contents cannot escape; and that no metal other than aluminium or an alloy containing not less than ninety per centum of aluminium, is used in the construction of any package containing such picric acid, and that each barrel or case is legibly marked "Picric Acid."

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.

III. Picrates and mixtures of picric acid with any other substance (for whatever purpose used or manufactured), shall be deemed to be explosives within the meaning of the said Act, subject to the following exceptions:—

(a.) A picrate mixed with not less than half its own weight of water, shall be exempt from being deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act.

IV. This Order shall come into force on the first April, one thousand nine hundred and five, and shall be deemed to be in lieu of the Order in Council relating to picric acid and picrates dated the twenty-ninth December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, which is hereby repealed.

A. W. FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE.

Any of the following metals or metallic oxides, namely, lead, oxide of lead, oxide of iron, potash, baryta, lime, soda, oxide of zinc, oxide of copper;

and any compound of such metal or oxide (other than a metallic sulphate); or any chlorate, nitrate, or other oxidizing agent; or any other substance declared by an Order of the Secretary of State to be capable of forming with picric acid a dangerous compound.

Provided that this schedule shall not be deemed to include any metal, or oxide unavoidably formed on any metal, used in the construction of any ship, boat or carriage, or contained in any paint, where the packages containing picric acid are protected from direct contact with such metal or paint.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *March*, 1905.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section two hundred and fourteen of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is provided that a local authority, whose district includes a seaport may with the approval of the Board of Trade, make bye-laws relating to seamen's lodging-houses in their district, and those bye-laws shall be binding upon all persons keeping houses in which seamen are lodged, and upon the owners thereof and persons employed therein, and further that such bye-laws should amongst other things provide for the licensing inspection and sanitary conditions of seamen's lodging-houses, for the publication of the fact of a house being licensed for the due execution of the bye-laws for preventing the obstruction of persons engaged in securing that execution, for the preventing of persons not duly licensed holding themselves out as keeping or purporting to keep licensed houses, and for the exclusion from licensed houses of persons of improper character, and should impose sufficient fines, not exceeding fifty pounds, for the breach of any bye-law, and further that whenever His Majesty in Council orders that in any district or any part thereof, none but persons duly licensed in pursuance of bye-laws under the said section should keep seamen's lodging-houses or let lodgings to seamen from a date therein named, a person acting in contravention of that order should for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds:

And whereas the Council of the County Borough of Salford is the Local Authority under the Public Health Acts and a Local Authority within the meaning of the said section:

And whereas the said Council of the County Borough of Salford have with the approval of the Board of Trade made the bye-laws and regulations set out in the Schedule hereto:

Now, therefore, His Majesty in Council, by virtue of the powers vested in Him by the said Act, doth order that, from and after the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and five, none but persons duly licensed in pursuance of the said bye-laws and regulations shall keep seamen's lodging-houses or let lodgings to seamen in the district of the County Borough of Salford, or in any part thereof.

A. W. FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Order in Council.

1. In the construction of the following bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the