

Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm :

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by further Orders in Council dated the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and the seventeenth day of September, nineteen hundred and fourteen :

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. After Regulation 9 the following regulation shall be inserted :—

“ 9A. No person shall, in any prescribed area, have in his possession or in premises in his occupation or under his control any celluloid or any cinematograph film exceeding the prescribed amount, unless he has obtained the prescribed permit and observes all the prescribed requirements.

“ Any police constable or any person authorised in writing by the Chief Officer of Police, may enter, if need be, by force, and search any premises in which he has reasonable cause to believe that celluloid or cinematograph film is kept or stored ; and, if the prescribed permit has not been obtained or if any of the prescribed requirements are not complied with, may remove and destroy any such celluloid or film.

“ For the purpose of this regulation celluloid includes the substances known as celluloid or xylonite and other similar substances containing nitro-cellulose or other nitrated product, but does not include celluloid which has been subjected to any manufacturing process : and ‘ cinematograph film ’ means any film which is intended for use in cinematograph or similar apparatus and contains nitro-cellulose or other nitrated product : and ‘ prescribed ’ means prescribed by order made by a Secretary of State.”

2. After Regulation 13 the following regulation shall be inserted :—

“ 13A. Any person landing or embarking at any place in the United Kingdom, on being required to do so by any constable or by any aliens’ officer for the purpose of the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order, 1914, shall make a declaration as to whether or not he is carrying or conveying any letters or other written messages intended to be transmitted by post or otherwise delivered, and, if so required, shall produce to the constable or officer any such letters or messages ; and any constable or any such officer may search any such person and any baggage with a view to ascertaining whether such person or the person to whom the baggage belongs is carrying or conveying any such letters or messages.

“ The constable or officer may examine any letters or other messages so produced to

him or found on such search, and, unless satisfied that they are of an innocent nature, may transmit them to an officer appointed to act as military censor of postal correspondence.”

3. After Regulation 16 the following regulations shall be inserted :—

“ 16A. No person shall, without the written permission of the Postmaster-General, buy sell or have in his possession or under his control any apparatus for the transmission of messages by wireless telegraphy, or any apparatus intended to be used as a component part of such apparatus ; and no person shall sell any such apparatus to any person who has not obtained such permission as aforesaid.

“ For the purposes of this regulation, any apparatus ordinarily used as a distinctive component part of apparatus for the transmission of messages by wireless telegraphy shall be deemed to be intended to be so used unless the contrary is proved.”

“ 16B. Where an aliens’ officer for the purposes of the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order, 1914, has reason to suspect that any person who is about to embark on any ship is attempting to leave the United Kingdom for the purpose of communicating directly or indirectly with the enemy or with any subject of any state at war with His Majesty, he may prevent the embarkation of that person.

“ Where any such officer has prevented the embarkation of any person he shall report the case to a Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State may if he thinks fit by order prohibit that person at any time subsequently from leaving the United Kingdom so long as the order is in force, and any person who attempts to leave the United Kingdom in contravention of such an order shall be deemed to be guilty of a contravention of this regulation.”

“ 16C. No person shall without lawful authority transmit, otherwise than through the post, or convey to or from the United Kingdom, any letter or written message from or originating with, or to or intended for :—

“ (a) any person or body of persons, of whatever nationality, resident or carrying on business in any country for the time being at war with His Majesty ; or

“ (b) any person or body of persons whose sovereign or state is at war with His Majesty, and who resides or carries on business in the United Kingdom :

“ Provided that a person shall not be deemed to be guilty of a contravention of this regulation if he proves that he did not know, and had no reason to suspect, that the letter or message in question was such a letter or message as aforesaid.

“ This regulation is in addition to and not in derogation of any provisions contained in the enactments relating to the Post Office, and shall not prejudice any right to take