

- D.P.O.S., No. 3 District—Wigton, Kirkcudbright and Dumfries. Sheriff Court House, Dumfries.
 D.P.O.S., No. 4 District—Stirling and Clackmannan. 64, Murray Place, Stirling.
 D.P.O.S., No. 5 District—Argyll, Perthshire and the North. 1, King Edward Street, Perth.
 D.P.O.S., No. 6 District—Fife and Kinross. Cupar, Fife.

R. H. Brade.

War Office,

14th September, 1916.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM (CONSOLIDATION) REGULATIONS, 1914-16.

PROHIBITION OF THE LIFTING OF HAY AND OAT STRAW IN SCOTLAND.

1. In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914-16, the Army Council hereby give notice that all hay or oat straw of the 1916 crop in Scotland, now standing in bulk or as and when harvested is taken possession of by the Army Council and shall from the date of this Order, or as and when harvested, be held at the disposal of the duly authorised officers of the War Department.

This Order is without prejudice to the Order of the Army Council of 31st March, 1916, relating to the prohibition of the lifting of Hay and Straw in Great Britain, which still remains in force as regards Great Britain in respect of all hay or oat or wheat straw other than the 1916 crop, as amended by the subsequent Order of even date with this Order.

2. Applications (applying to hay or oat straw of the 1916 crop) for the sale or purchase or removal for the needs of private consumers will as a rule only be entertained for such amounts as appear to the person to whom the application is made from a declaration to be furnished by the applicant to be necessary either for consumption by the stock in the applicant's possession or control or to be equal to the average quantity dealt in, sold or consumed by the applicant during the twelve calendar months preceding the date of this Order, and if it appears from the declaration accompanying an application to purchase that the applicant has not purchased or removed or applied for the purchase or removal of hay or straw from any other source covering the same service.

3. Applications to enable hay or oat straw to be sold to private consumers or dealers will only be granted in respect of qualities and quantities of hay or straw which after inspection by an officer of the Forage Department or authorised Member of the Forage Reference Committee are found not to be required for Army use.

4. Farmers and stock breeders are authorised to use the normal quantity of hay or oat straw in their possession for consumption by stock in their possession or control.

5. Applications for sale under this Order must be made in writing to the District Purchasing Officer of the District in which the hay or straw affected is standing.

6. Applications for purchase, for local consumption by the applicant's own stock or stock in his possession or control will be made to the

District Purchasing Officer of the District in which the forage stands. Applications to purchase for the purpose of re-sale or applications to purchase direct from the producer by railway companies, mine owners, corporations, companies or other bodies, will be made to the Area Administrative Officer, 7, West George Street, Glasgow.

7. All applications must be in writing and must contain a declaration either that the forage required is necessary for consumption by stock in the applicant's possession or control or is equal to the quantity dealt in, sold or consumed by the applicant during the twelve calendar months preceding the date of this Order; it must appear from the declaration that the applicant has not purchased or removed or applied for the purchase or removal of hay or straw from any other source covering the same service.

All licences or authorities issued under this Order will be issued subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in such licences or authorities, and any departure from these conditions or other acts in contravention of the provisions of this Order will be an offence under the Defence of the Realm Regulations and render the offender liable to the penalties attaching thereto.

Detailed instructions regarding the necessary procedure to be adopted by all desiring to sell, purchase or remove hay or straw under this Order can be obtained on application to the Area Administrative Officer, 7, West George Street, Glasgow.

The addresses of the officers referred to in paragraph 5 are as under:—

- D.P.O.S., No. 1 District (Ayrshire, Lanarkshire, Dumbarton, Bute and Renfrew)—34, West George Street, Glasgow.
 D.P.O.S., No. 2 District (The Lothians, Berwick, Roxburgh, Peebles and Selkirk)—Harrison Park Siding, Edinburgh.
 D.P.O.S., No. 3 District (Wigton, Kirkcudbright and Dumfries)—Sheriff Court House, Dumfries.
 D.P.O.S., No. 4 District (Stirling and Clackmannan)—64, Murray Place, Stirling.
 D.P.O.S., No. 5 District (Argyll, Perthshire and the North)—1, King Edward Street, Perth.
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DEFENCE OF THE REALM (CONSOLIDATION) REGULATIONS, 1914-16.

PROHIBITION OF THE LIFTING OF HAY IN THE ISLE OF MAN.

1. In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914-16, as applied to the Isle of Man by Orders in Council made under the Isle of Man (War Legislation) Act, 1914, the Army Council hereby give notice that all hay in the Isle of Man, now standing in bulk or as and when harvested, is taken possession of by the Army Council, and shall from the date of this Order, or as and when harvested, be held at the disposal of the duly authorised officers of the War Department.