

ment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915:

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 amendment be made in the said Regulations:—

After Regulation 2E the following regulations shall be inserted:—

2F.—(1) Where the Board of Trade are of opinion that it is expedient that special measures should be taken in the interests of the public for maintaining the supply of any article of commerce the maintenance of which is important as being part of the food supply of the country or as being necessary for the wants of the public or for the wants of any section of the public, the Board by order may, with a view to maintaining the supply of the article, apply to that article any of the provisions appended to this regulation.

(2) Any such order may be made either so as to apply generally or so as to apply to any special locality, or so as to apply to any special supplies of any article, or to any special producer, manufacturer, or dealer.

(3) If any person acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with, any of the provisions appended to this regulation he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

*Provisions which may be applied.*

I. A person shall not waste or unnecessarily destroy any article to which this provision is applied; and if the order applying this provision to that article declares that any specified process, action, or other thing done is waste or unnecessary destruction of the article, that process, action, or other thing done shall be deemed to be waste or unnecessary destruction for the purpose of this provision.

II. Where the order applying this provision to any article specifies the purposes for which the article is to be used, a person shall not (subject to any conditions contained in the order) use the article except for the purposes so specified; and where the order prescribes any special manner in which the article is to be used, a person shall not (subject to any conditions contained in the order) use the article except in that manner.

III. Where the order applying this provision to any article contains any directions or regulations as to the manufacture or production of the article in such a manner as to secure that the public are supplied with the article in the form most suitable in the circumstances, all persons concerned in the manufacture or production of the article shall comply with those directions or regulations.

IV. Where the order applying this provision to any article contains any directions or regulations as to the mode of sale or the distribution of the article with a view to securing that the available supply of the article is put to its best use throughout the country or in any locality, all persons concerned in the sale or distribution of the article shall comply with those directions or regulations.

V. Where the order applying this provision to any article contains any directions or regulations as to the market operations in that article with a view to preventing an unreasonable inflation of the price of the article as the result of market operations, all persons concerned in market operations shall comply with those directions or regulations.

VI. A person shall not (subject to any exceptions contained in the order applying this provision) directly or indirectly sell or offer for sale any article to which this provision is applied at a price exceeding by more than the amount named in the order the corresponding price of the article at a date specified in the order (the corresponding price to be settled in case of difference by the Board of Trade); and where the consideration for any sale or offer consists wholly or partly of any conditions made or offered to be made in connection with the transaction, or is otherwise not of a pecuniary character, the value of the consideration or such part thereof as is not of a pecuniary character, shall, for the purposes of this provision, be taken into account in determining the price of the article.

VII. All persons owning or having power to sell or dispose of any article to which this provision is applied or any stocks thereof shall, if required by the Board of Trade, place at the disposal of the Board the article, or the whole or any part of the stocks thereof as may be required by the Board on such terms as the Board may direct, and shall deliver to the Board or to any person or persons named by them the article or stocks in such quantities and at such times as the Board may require.

Such compensation shall be paid for any article or stock so requisitioned as shall, in default of agreement, be determined by the arbitration of a single arbitrator appointed in manner provided by the order applying this provision; but in determining the amount of the compensation the arbitrator shall have regard to the cost of production of the article and to the allowance of a reasonable profit without necessarily taking into consideration the market price of the article at the time.

2G.—(1) If the Board of Trade are of opinion that information is required with respect to any article of commerce with a view to the exercise of any powers of the Board of Trade in relation to that article, the Board may by order apply the provisions of this regulation to that article; and if the provisions of this regulation are so applied to any article, every person owning or having power to sell or dispose of the article, or concerned in the manufacture or production of the article shall, subject to any exceptions or limitations contained in the order, make a return to the Board giving such information in such form and within such time as may be specified in the order applying those provisions—

(a) as to the stocks of the article held by him or consigned to him or under order to him; and

(b) as to any contracts for the supply to, or by, him of the article or any contracts for, or in connection with, the production or manufacture of the article, or the dealing therein; and

(c) as to the prices paid by him or received by him for or in respect of the article; and

(d) as to the cost of production of the article, and the names and addresses of the