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TUESDAY, 26 DECEMBER, 1916.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of December, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-eighth day of November nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914,") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (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 amendments be made in the said regulations:—

1.—(1) The following words shall be added at the end of sub-section (2) of Regulation 2F:—"and any such order may direct that all contracts, or any class of contracts, or any special contract, affected by any provision applied by the order shall remain in force notwithstanding anything in the provision as so applied, but subject to any modifications for which provision may be made by the order."

(2) In Provision No. II. of the provisions appended to Regulation 2F, the following words shall be inserted at the end of the provision:—"and where the order prohibits or restricts the use of the article for any special purpose a person shall not (subject to any conditions contained in the order), if the use of the article is prohibited, use the article for that purpose, or, if the use of the article is restricted, use it except in accordance with the restrictions."

(3) In Provision No. IV. of the provisions appended to Regulation 2F, after the words "the distribution of the article" there shall be inserted the words "or as to the consumption of the article," and the words "distribution or consumption" shall be substituted for the words "or distribution."

2. The following regulation shall be substituted for Regulation 10:—

"10. The competent naval or military autho-