

2. This Order shall come into force on the first day of February, 1917.

Given under the Seal of the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) this first day of January, 1917.

D'ABERNON,
Chairman.

JOHN PEDDER,
Member of the Board.

(L. S.)

Ministry of Munitions of War,
1st January, 1917.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Act, 1914, The Defence of the Realm (Amendment) No. 2 Act, 1915, The Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, and all other powers thereunto enabling him, gives notice and orders as follows:—

(1) He hereby takes possession as from the date hereof until further notice upon the terms specified in the Schedule hereto of all unwrought Copper, including copper scrap and swarf, in any form whatsoever subject to the following exceptions:—

(a) Rough copper, copper ore and copper scrap and swarf in the possession of, or due under an existing contract in writing for future delivery to, a smelter or refiner for the purpose of conversion into refined metal.

(b) All copper, including copper scrap and swarf, in the possession of or due under an existing contract in writing for future delivery to a manufacturer for use in such manufacturer's own works.

(c) Copper scrap and swarf specially excepted under the written authority of the Minister of Munitions.

(2) If any person having control of any metal to which this Notice applies without the consent of the Minister of Munitions sells, removes or secretes it, or deals with it in any way contrary to any conditions imposed in any licence or permit that may have been granted in respect thereof, he will be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914.

(3) All existing licences issued by or on behalf of the Minister of Munitions for dealing in any scrap or swarf to which this Notice applies are hereby cancelled.

(4) The Minister of Munitions hereby requires every smelter or refiner to make a return to the Director of Materials at the end of each calendar month, including the month of December, 1916, of the total quantities of refined copper of each description in stock, distinguishing between (1) that sold for use on Class "A" or Class "B" work; (2) that allocated for such use in his own works; and (3) the residue not so sold or allocated. And he further requires every maker and holder of copper scrap or swarf to make a Return to the Director of Materials at the end of each calendar month, including the month of December, 1916, of the total quantities of each class of such scrap or swarf in stock, distinguishing between (1) that sold for use on Class "A" or Class "B" work, (2) that allocated for such use in his own works, and (3) the residue not so sold or allocated.

(5) All applications with regard to this Order should be addressed to—

The Director of Materials; A.M.2.B.,
Armament Buildings,
Whitehall Place,
London, S.W.

and marked "Copper Permit."

THE SCHEDULE above referred to.

(a) Copper included in the Returns made in accordance with Clause (2), Sections (a), (b) and (c) of the Order made on 8th December, 1916, and taken over under the above Order (except copper due for future delivery on sliding scale terms) will be paid for on delivery by the Minister of Munitions on the basis of the value as indicated by the average of the official quotations of the London Metal Exchange for the last 15 days of December, 1916.

Copper due for future delivery on sliding scale terms will be paid for at not more than 10s. per ton of metal over the original full contract terms, including all discounts, commissions, or rebates of any sort.

Special circumstances in connection with any copper taken over may be taken into consideration by the Minister.

(b) A Price Schedule for copper scrap and swarf based downwards on the quotation for Electrolytic Copper as a Standard will be drawn up by the Director of Materials for the purpose of the taking over of stocks under the above Order and as a basis for future transactions.

(c) The quantities of Refined Copper specified in the Returns of Smelters or Refiners under Clause (4) of the above Order and not sold or allocated as therein mentioned, will be paid for on delivery by the Minister at the Average of the relative official quotations of the London Metal Exchange for the month in question.

(d) The scrap and swarf specified in the Returns by Makers and Holders under Clause (4) of the above Order and not sold or allocated as therein mentioned will be paid for on delivery as may be directed by the Minister on the basis of the average of the quotations for Electrolytic Copper for the month in question, subject to any adjustments for quality that may be necessary.

(e) In all cases where two prices are quoted for the same description of Copper by the London Metal Exchange, the price paid by the Minister, if based thereon, will be the mean of the two prices, and all prices paid by the Minister will be nett per ton delivered c.i.f. U.K. port if imported from abroad, or free on rail at the producers' works if made in England, or equal thereto.

NAVAL PRIZE BOUNTY MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W.,
29th December, 1916.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended Distribution of the Prize Bounty awarded for the destruction of the enemy armed cruiser "Prinz Adalbert" by H.M. Submarine E8, on the 23rd October, 1915.

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the Award are required to transmit the particulars of