

the Controller may require, where it appears to him necessary or expedient to make any such order for the purpose of encouraging or maintaining the food supply of the country.

"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; 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.

"(3) Any order under this regulation 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, dealer, or person, and any such order may direct that all contracts, or any class of contracts, or any special contract, affected by the order shall be abrogated or remain in force notwithstanding anything in the order, but subject to any exceptions or modifications for which provision may be made by the order.

"(4) The Food Controller shall, as respects any article to which his powers extend, have the same power as the Board of Trade have of giving directions, pending the issue of a proclamation or the making of an Order of or in Council, with respect to the export of the article.

"(5) If any person acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any provision of any order made under this regulation, or aids or abets any other person, whether or not such other person is in the United Kingdom, in doing anything which, if done in the United Kingdom, would be a contravention of any such provision, such person shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations, and if such person is a company, every director and officer of the company shall also be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations, unless he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge or consent.

"2G.—(1) The Food Controller may apply the provisions of this regulation to any article where he is of opinion that it is necessary or expedient to do so for the purpose of his powers or duties; 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 Food Controller 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

persons by whom the article has been supplied to him or to whom the article has been supplied by him; and

(e) as to any other matters specified in the order applying the provisions of this regulation with respect to which the Food Controller may desire information for the purpose of any of his powers and duties.

"(2) For the purpose of testing the accuracy of any return made to the Food Controller under this regulation, or of obtaining information in case of a failure to make a return, any officer of the Food Controller authorised in that behalf by the Food Controller may enter any premises belonging to or in the occupation of the person making or who has failed to make the return, or on which he has reason to believe that any articles to which the provisions of this regulation are applied are kept stored, manufactured, or produced, and may carry out such inspections and examinations (including the inspection and examination of books) as the officer may consider necessary for testing the accuracy of the return or for obtaining any such information.

"(3) If any person—

(a) refuses or without lawful excuse neglects to make a return as required by this regulation to the best of his knowledge and belief, or makes or causes to be made a false return; or

(b) obstructs or impedes an officer of the Food Controller in the exercise of any of his powers under this regulation; or

(c) refuses to answer or gives a false answer to any question, or refuses to produce any books or documents, required for obtaining the information to be furnished in pursuance of this regulation;

that person shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

"(4) No individual return or part of a return made under this regulation, and no information as to any person or his business obtained under this regulation, shall without lawful authority be published or disclosed except for the purposes of a prosecution under this regulation; and if any person acts in contravention of this provision he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

"2H.—(1) If the Food Controller in any special case is of opinion that, before exercising any of his powers under these regulations in relation to any article, it is expedient to hold an inquiry with respect to that article in any locality, the Food Controller may appoint such persons as he thinks fit to hold an inquiry as respects that article and report to the Food Controller on such points as the Food Controller may direct.

"(2) Any persons so appointed shall have power to take evidence on oath and to administer an oath for the purpose.

"2J.—(1) The Food Controller may make arrangements with any other Government Department for the exercise by that Department on behalf of the Food Controller of the powers of the Food Controller under the regulations numbered 2F, 2G, and 2H with respect to any particular article, and in such case the Department and the officers thereof shall, as respects that article, have and exercise the same powers as are by those regulations conferred on the Food Controller and the officers of the Food