

(Scotland) Act, 1908, for the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1908.

“(8) This regulation shall apply to Ireland subject to the following modifications:—

“(i) The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland shall be substituted for the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries;

“(ii) The following subsection shall be substituted for subsection (1):—

“Where the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland are of opinion that, with a view to maintaining the food supply of the country, it is expedient that they should exercise the powers given to them under this regulation as respects any land, the Department may enter on the land—

“(a) without any consent, if the land is for the time being unoccupied, or was unoccupied on the twenty-ninth day of November nineteen hundred and sixteen;

“(b) without any consent, if the land is comprised in a holding to which Regulation 2P applies, and it appears to the Department that the occupier has not before the twenty-fifth day of March nineteen hundred and seventeen, taken the necessary steps to comply with the requirements of that regulation, or is not after that date proceeding in compliance with those requirements; and

“(c) without any consent, if the land is situated in or near an urban district and the Department are of opinion that in order to provide necessary food for residents in the locality, land in or near that district is immediately required for the purpose of being cultivated in allotments, and that the use of the land for that purpose is unreasonably withheld; and

“(d) in any other case, with the consent of the occupier and the person in receipt of the rent of the land: and cultivate the land, or arrange for its cultivation, by any person either under a contract of tenancy or otherwise.

“For the purposes of this subsection the expressions ‘occupied’ and ‘unoccupied’ refer to such occupation as involves liability to payment of poor rates:

“Provided that where the poor rate is made in respect of a half rent under section sixty-three of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1838, instead of upon the occupier of the land, the land shall not on that account be deemed to be unoccupied.

“(iii) Subsections (4) and (6) shall not apply;

“(iv) The powers conferred by this regulation on the Department shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers of the Department.”

2. In paragraph (b) of Regulation 8B for the words “Board of Trade Labour Exchange” there shall be substituted the words “Labour Exchange established or assisted under the Labour Exchanges Act, 1909.”

3. After Regulation 9G the following regulation shall be inserted:—

“9H.—(1) Where the Board of Trade are of opinion that, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm, it is expedient that this regulation should be

applied to any canals, the Board may by order apply this regulation, subject to any exceptions for which provision may be made in the order, either generally to all canals or to canals in any special area or to any special canals.

“(2) Any canals to which this regulation is so applied shall, by virtue of the order, pass into the possession of the Board of Trade as from the date of the order, or from any later date mentioned in the order; and the owner of every such canal and every person concerned in the management or working thereof, and where the owner of the canal is a company, every director of the company, shall comply with the directions of the Board of Trade as to the management and user of the canal, and if he fails to do so he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

“(3) Any order of the Board of Trade under this regulation may be revoked or varied as occasion requires.

“(4) In this regulation the expression ‘canal’ includes all buildings, barges, machinery, and plant used in connection with the working of the canal.”

4. After Regulation 14F the following regulation shall be inserted:—

“14G. Without prejudice to any other provisions of these regulations or any Order in Council made under the Aliens Restriction Act, 1914, no person, other than a member of His Majesty's Forces in uniform or a person specially authorised by the Admiralty or Army Council or a Secretary of State, or a British subject proceeding as a passenger from one part of the United Kingdom to another, shall embark at any port in the United Kingdom without the permission of an aliens officer:

“Provided that in granting or refusing permission an aliens officer shall act in accordance with the general or special instructions of the Secretary of State and any refusal of permission may be revoked by a Secretary of State.

“If any person acts in contravention of this regulation he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.”

5. In Regulation 24c for the words “any neutral country or countries in Europe” there shall be substituted the words “any country or countries specified in the order or notice.”

6. The following regulation shall be inserted after Regulation 39c:—

“39cc. A person shall not without permission in writing from the Shipping Controller, directly or indirectly, and whether on his own behalf or on behalf of or in conjunction with any other person, purchase or enter into or offer to enter into any agreement or any negotiations with a view to an agreement for the purchase of any ship or vessel.

“If any person acts in contravention of this regulation, or if where any permission of the Shipping Controller has been granted under this regulation subject to any conditions, the person to whom it was granted fails to comply with any such condition, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.”

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