

(d) Ministry of Munitions contract reference and number.

(e) Post Office contract reference and number.

(f) Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement or Commission Française sanction reference and number, with Ministry of Munitions Priority Classification.

(g) Ministry of Munitions permit reference and number and Priority Classification.

Provided that no permit reference need be quoted in respect of orders for ships' ropes weighing less than 5 cwt. each, and for lift and crane ropes weighing less than 2 cwt. each containing wire of over 25 gauge.

2. Full and accurate returns shall be made in such form and at such times as may be required by the Director of Navy Contracts, the Director of Army Contracts or the Director of Steel Production, Ministry of Munitions, as to any particulars of or relating to the said manufacture, sale, purchase or other dealings.

3. Save and except where special instructions are issued by the Priority Branch of the Ministry of Munitions orders must be executed in the following order of priority:—

- Priority 1.
- Priority 2.
- Priority 3.
- Priority 4 (or Class A).
- Priority 5.
- Class B.
- Priority 6.

All orders in Clause 1 (c) to (e) inclusive shall rank automatically as Class A or Priority 4 (War Work). If a higher grade of priority is required, written application must be made to the Priority Branch of the Ministry of Munitions, and the grounds of special urgency must be clearly and fully set forth therein.

4. *Maintenance.*—Manufacturers or other persons to whom there has been allocated a Ministry of Munitions permit reference number and priority classification for steel for general repairs and maintenance of existing plant and machinery will be entitled to quote such permit reference number and priority classification under Clause 1 (g) above.

5. *Stock.*—Manufacturers may apply in writing to the Director of Navy Contracts, the Director of Army Contracts or the Priority Branch of the Ministry of Munitions for the approval necessary to enable them to obtain such monthly supplies of drawn steel rods or bars, steel wire or steel wire rope as shall be required for the production of the minimum quantities of materials or articles necessary to enable such manufacturers to maintain such stocks as are essential for the purpose of executing orders for approved purposes. Such application must contain an undertaking that all materials obtained under any special permit that may be granted and all materials and articles manufactured from such materials shall be used and delivered only for approved purposes, evidenced as set forth in Clause 1 hereof.

6. *Applications for Approval.*—All applications for approval of orders under Clause 1 (g) herein must be made to the Ministry of Munitions Priority Branch, 1, Caxton-street, S.W., and full particulars must be given under the following headings:—

(a) A precise description of the goods or work for which the materials the subject of

the order to be approved are required and proof that no other materials can be substituted.

(b) The exact quantities and gauges of the materials required. If required for different orders or purposes the quantities required for each order or purpose respectively.

(c) An estimate of the amount of the materials required to complete each order.

(d) The name of the firm or firms with whom the order or orders will be placed.

(e) The respective war, national or other purpose, and proof of urgency and importance.

7. *Interpretation.*—For the purpose of this Order the term "manufacture" shall include the drawing of rods, bars or wire and the spinning or working of wire ropes, whether from material made in this country or imported.

Ministry of Munitions,

24th February, 1917.

ORDER.

BRASS SWarf AND SCRAP.

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 Regulations, the Munitions of War Acts, 1915 and 1916, and all other powers thereunto enabling him, gives notice and orders as follows:—

1. He hereby takes possession as from the 28th day of February, 1917, until further notice of:—

(a) All yellow brass and cartridge metal swarf, turnings and borings (hereinafter referred to as "brass swarf").

(b) All yellow brass scrap resulting from the manufacture in any stages of any class of war material (hereinafter referred to as "brass scrap").

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 Regulations.

3. All existing licences or permits issued by or on behalf of the Minister of Munitions for dealing in any brass swarf or brass scrap are hereby cancelled.

4. All persons shall in the first fourteen days of March, 1917, and thereafter in the first seven days of each succeeding month, send in to the Director of Materials (A.M.2.S.), Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, S.W., Monthly Returns of:—

(a) All brass swarf or brass scrap held by them in stock or otherwise under their control on the last day of the preceding month.

(b) All brass swarf or brass scrap purchased or sold by them for future delivery and not yet delivered on such last day, together with the names of the sellers to or purchasers from them.

Notwithstanding the above, no return is required from any person whose total stock of brass swarf and brass scrap in hand and on