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War Office,
14th April, 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.
IMPORTED SOFT WOOD.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby require all persons in the United Kingdom engaged in the purchase or sale of imported soft wood to comply with the following regulations: Provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to imported soft wood which, at the date hereof, shall have been despatched by any timber merchant to any consumer, or for which payment shall have been made by such consumer.

1. Save as herein provided no timber merchant shall (1) sell in any month for consumption an amount of imported soft wood exceeding one per cent. of the amount of timber which he had in stock in the United Kingdom on the 1st day of April, 1917; (2) sell for consumption imported soft wood, unless (a) he is satisfied that it is required for a purpose of national importance, as defined in Form A. set out in the Schedule annexed; (b) if the quantity sold to a single firm or individual amounts to one standard or more, he receives

from the purchaser a certificate in Form A. set out in the Schedule.

2. Any person wishing to purchase imported soft wood for consumption whose needs cannot be met under Regulation 1 hereof may apply to the Director of Timber Supplies for a special permit. Such applications should be sent in duplicate in Form B. set out in the Schedule hereto annexed.

If a permit is granted, a timber merchant is authorised to sell the amount stated therein in excess of the one per cent. authorised by Regulation 1 hereof.

3. If such imported soft wood is required for the execution of a Government contract or order, the applicant should attach to his application a certificate in Form C. set out in the Schedule hereto annexed, signed by a responsible officer of the Department concerned.

4. A permit upon which a timber merchant has supplied such imported soft wood in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 2 or 3 hereof, shall be kept by him unless he can supply only a portion of the quantity required. In this event he shall enter on such permit the amount of imported soft wood supplied by him thereunder with the date,