

will be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

(3) No person shall on or after the 1st November, 1917, until further notice purchase or take delivery of any tar oil situate in the United Kingdom except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, or offer to sell, sell, supply, or deliver any such tar oil to any person other than the holder of such a licence and in accordance with the terms thereof. Provided that no such licence shall be required:

(a) By any person for the purchase and delivery of tar oil in quantities not exceeding an aggregate of 5 gallons during any one calendar month.

(b) By any person, after the first application by him for and pending the granting or refusal of a licence, for the delivery to him under a contract in writing existing at the date hereof of tar oil for the purpose of benzol washing or the manufacture of disinfectants, antiseptic drugs, lamp or vegetable black, or fuel, to an amount not exceeding during any one calendar month the amount of the average monthly deliveries under such contract during the three calendar months immediately preceding the date hereof.

(4) No purchase or sale of tar oil situated in the United Kingdom, or offer to purchase or sell any such tar oil whether such purchase, sale or offer is or is not under any licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, shall, in the case of any class of tar oil specified in the Schedule hereto, be until further notice at a price exceeding the price fixed for the same in the said schedule, provided that this clause shall not apply to any deliveries under and in pursuance of a contract in writing entered into prior to the 13th July, 1917.

(5) No person, whether he is or is not the actual producer of such tar oil shall on and after the 1st November, 1917, until further notice use any tar oil exceeding in quantity 5 gallons in any one calendar month for the purpose of or in connection with any manufacture or work except under and in accordance with the terms of a Licence issued under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

(6) All persons producing or holding stocks of tar oils shall furnish to the Controller of Explosives Supply, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W. 1, as and when required by him such returns of tar oils at any time manufactured, purchased, sold, supplied, delivered or used by them at such times and in such form as the said Controller of Explosives Supply shall from time to time direct.

(7) All persons heretofore required by the Minister of Munitions to furnish returns relating to tar oil shall until further notice continue to furnish returns in accordance with such previous requirements.

(8) For the purpose of this Order the expression "tar oil" shall mean Creosote Oil, Green Oil, Sharp Oil, Anthracene Oil, and other oils produced from or containing an admixture of oil produced from the distillation of Coal Tar, Coke Oven Tar, Producer Tar, Water Gas Tar and Mond Gas Tar or any of them.

(9) The Order of the Minister of Munitions dated the 13th July, 1917, relating to Creosote and other oils produced from the distillation of coal tar is hereby cancelled as from the 1st

November, 1917, but such cancellation shall not affect the previous operation of that Order prior to such last mentioned date or the validity of any action taken under it, or the liability to any penalty or punishment in respect of any contravention or failure to comply with the same respectively prior to its cancellation, or any proceeding or remedy in respect of such penalty or punishment.

(10) All applications for licences under this Order shall be made to the Controller, Mineral Oil Production Department, Ministry of Munitions, 8, Northumberland Avenue, W.C. 2.

THE SCHEDULE.

MAXIMUM PRICES.

(1) Oil for Benzol washing complying with the following specification:—

Sp. Gr.: at 60 degrees F. not less than 1.020. Shall deposit no naphthaline crystals at 45 degrees F. On distillation in retort with thermometer in liquid shall give no distillate below 200 degrees C., not less than 5 per cent. at 230 degrees, and not less than 90 per cent. at 300 degrees—100s. per ton.

For each degree F. by which the crystallising point is above 45 degrees F. 1s. per ton shall be deducted from the price, and for each 1 per cent. by which the volume of distillate at 300 degrees falls below 90 per cent. 6d. per ton shall be deducted from the price.

(2) Oil for Fuel purposes.

(a) For use in Diesel Engines complying with the following specification:—

Sp. gravity not exceeding 1.100 calorific value, not less than 15,800 B.T.U.'s; fluid at 600 degrees F., maximum content of water 2 per cent.; coke 5 per cent.; ash 0.10 per cent—87s. 6d. per ton.

(b) For other Engines and Furnaces generally:—

1. Admiralty Specification Oil, 72s. per ton.

2. 75 per cent. Creosote Oil and 25 per cent. Pitch, 61s. 6d. per ton.

3. 66 2/3rds per cent. Oil and 33 1/3rd Pitch, 58s. per ton.

4. 50 per cent. Creosote Oil and 50 per cent. Pitch, 51s. per ton.

5. 40 per cent. and less Creosote Oil and 60 per cent. and upwards Pitch, 47s. per ton.

A commission not exceeding 2½ per cent., in addition to the prices mentioned above, may be charged by brokers, dealers and merchants.

The prices mentioned in this Schedule are for oil delivered free on rail or barge at the sellers' works or at the nearest station or wharf into the purchasers' tank cars and sold according to the producers' weights and measurements. In cases where the seller supplies the tank cars, an additional charge of 20s. for each 2,200 gallons capacity per week for the use of such cars is permitted.

In the case of oil delivered from such ocean installations as shall be approved by the Minister of Munitions, an additional charge of 3d. per gallon is permitted, which increase shall cover all charges for insurance, pumping, and such other expenses as are usually defrayed by the purchaser.

The cost of analysis, measurement and sampling may be charged to the purchaser in addition to the maximum prices above specified.

The cost of barrels (including coopering and filling) and the barges used for transport may be charged for at current rates.