

This Proclamation may be cited as the Prohibition of Import (No. 22) Proclamation, 1918.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this Sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 16th day of January, 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm Regulations") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915, and other enactments:

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said regulations in manner herein-after appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said regulations:—

1. After Regulation 2AA the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"2AAA. With a view to developing as economically and expeditiously as possible any supply of petroleum which may exist in strata in the United Kingdom it shall be lawful for the Board of Trade or the Minister of Munitions or any person authorised by them or him, but for no other person, to search and bore for and get petroleum, and the Board of Trade or Minister of Munitions or a person so authorised for the purposes aforesaid may enter on or take possession of any land and sink wells and construct other works thereon.

"If any person searches or bores for or gets petroleum in contravention of this provision he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

"For the purposes of this regulation petroleum means all petroleum and its relative hydrocarbons, (excluding coal and shales), and natural gas existing in their natural conditions in strata, but does not include natural gas set free in the course of mining or other lawful operations."

2. For Regulation 18A the following regulation shall be substituted:—

"18A. Where a person without lawful authority or excuse either within or without the United Kingdom has been in communication with or has attempted to communicate

with an enemy agent and is subsequently found within the United Kingdom, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations unless he proves that he did not know and had no reason to suspect that the person with whom he so communicated or attempted to communicate was an enemy agent.

"For the purposes of this regulation but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision:—

(a) a person shall unless he proves the contrary be deemed to have been in communication with an enemy agent if

(i) he has either within or without the United Kingdom visited the address of an enemy agent or consorted with an enemy agent; or

(ii) either within or without the United Kingdom the name or address or any other information regarding an enemy agent has been found in his possession or has been supplied by him to any other person or has been obtained by him from any other person;

(b) the expression 'enemy agent' includes any person who is, or has been, or is reasonably suspected of being or having been, employed by the enemy either directly or indirectly for the purpose of committing an act either within or without the United Kingdom which if done within the United Kingdom would be a contravention of these regulations, or who has, or is reasonably suspected of having, either within or without the United Kingdom, committed or attempted to commit such an act with the intention of assisting the enemy;

(c) any address, whether within or without the United Kingdom, reasonably suspected of being an address used for the receipt of communications intended for the enemy, or any address at which an enemy agent resides or to which he resorts, shall be deemed to be the address of an enemy agent and communications addressed to such an address to be communications with an enemy agent."

3. Regulation 37 shall be amended by the substitution for the words "This regulation" of the following words:—

"(2) The Admiralty may make regulations for the purpose of providing for the better security of vessels, and if any person, being a person required by any of the provisions of any such regulations to do or abstain from doing any act, fails to comply with those provisions he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

"(3) This regulation."

4. Regulation 39D shall be amended as follows:—

(1) By the substitution for the words "Board of Trade," wherever those words occur, of the words "Shipping Controller."

(2) By the substitution for the words "any agreement" and the words "an agreement" of the words "any contract or agreement."

5. After Regulation 39D the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"39DD. (1) Except under and in pursuance of a licence granted by the Shipping Controller—