

authority be published or disclosed by any person except for the purpose of a prosecution under this regulation.

(5) If in any case the Minister is of opinion that it is expedient to obtain information from any person in connection with any horses or vehicles, the Minister may, without making an order for the purpose, require or authorise any person on his behalf to require that person to furnish him or any person so authorised with that information, and where the Minister or any person so authorised so requires any information to be furnished the provisions of this regulation shall apply to information furnished and the furnishing of the information as they apply to returns made and the making of returns.

(6) In this regulation the expression "prescribed" means prescribed by an order made under this regulation, and the expression "horse" includes "mule."

(7) If any person:

(a) acts in contravention of or fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation or of any order or requirement made thereunder; or

(b) sells, removes or secretes any horse or vehicle so as to, or with intent to, defeat, obstruct or delay the operation of any order made under this regulation or any directions duly given in pursuance of any such order; he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

Tramways and Light Railways.

4. The Minister of Transport for the purpose of making the most efficient use of the materials or plant belonging to a tramway or light railway undertaking may, by order, require the whole or any part of the rolling-stock, materials and plant, including permanent way, of any such undertaking to be placed at his disposal or at the disposal of any person or body of persons named by him.

Where any such order has been made the Minister or any such person or body of persons may take possession of such portions of the rolling-stock, materials or plant of such undertaking as they may require, and may remove them and make use of them for the purposes of any other tramway or light railway.

(2) If any person fails to comply with the provisions of any order made under this regulation or wilfully hinders or impedes the execution of any such order, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

Power to Direct Traffic on Highways.

5. Where with a view to preventing congestion of traffic on, or excessive damage to, public highways the Minister of Transport considers it is expedient to do so, he may by order regulate or provide for the regulation of transport on public highways, and may by such order provide for directions being given for prescribing the routes to be followed and restricting the types of vehicles to be used, and if any person affected by the order fails to comply with the provisions thereof or with any directions given thereunder he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

Driving Licences.

6. The Minister of Transport or any person appointed by him for the purpose may grant to any person a licence to drive a motor car

during the period for which the proclamation of emergency is in force which shall have effect as if granted under the Motor Car Act, 1903, and may suspend during that period any licence granted under that Act.

Canals.

7.—(1) Where the Minister of Transport is of opinion that it is expedient that this regulation should be applied to any canals, the Minister 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 Minister 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 Minister as to the management and user of the canal, and if he fails to do so he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(3) In this regulation the expression "canal" includes all buildings, barges, machinery and plant used in connection with the working of the canal.

(4) Where the Minister has taken possession of any canal, the Minister may by order prohibit persons, not being the owner of the canal, who own any barges used thereon, or any machinery or plant used in connection with the loading or unloading of any such barges, from disposing of any such barges, machinery or plant, without the consent of the Minister or some person or body of persons acting on his behalf, and if any person acts in contravention of any such order, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(5) The Minister shall have power by order to apply this regulation to undertakings of carriers by canal in like manner and with the like consequences as in the case of canals, and for the purposes of this provision the expression "carrier by canal" means a person, not being an owner of a canal, who carries on the business of transporting goods by canal, and the expression "undertaking" includes all buildings, barges, machinery and plant used by the owner thereof in connection with such business.

Ports and Harbours.

8. The Board of Trade or any other Government Department approved by His Majesty for the purpose may by order close to traffic any port or harbour or any part of any such port or harbour and issue any directions which may be necessary for regulating the traffic in any such ports and harbours, and if any Dock or Harbour Company or Authority fails to comply with any such order or directions, they shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

Shipping.

9.—(1) The Board of Trade or any other Government Department approved by His Majesty for the purpose may make orders regulating, restricting or giving directions with respect to the nature of the trades in which ships are to be employed, the traffic to be carried therein, and the terms and conditions