

12. The Board of Trade may by order prohibit, except under such conditions as their licence may allow, the shipment of any goods for exportation or carriage coastwise whether as merchandise or as ship's stores, and if any goods are shipped or brought to a quay or other place or waterborne for shipment in contravention of such prohibition, the shipper thereof or his agent shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

13.—(1) The Board of Trade may take possession, or if already in possession may retain possession, and may from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, relinquish and resume possession of:—

(a) All or any coal mines, collieries and colliery buildings and property, including plant, machinery, equipment, stores and rolling stock, for the time being used, or intended to be or usually used for the purpose of the production, treatment, or manufacture of coal:

(b) All or any buildings and property for the time being used, or intended to be or usually used or which may be deemed requisite for the purposes of the storage, distribution, supply and disposal of coal:

(c) All or any railway wagons (not being wagons belonging to any railway company) for the time being used, or intended to be or usually used for the purposes of transport of coal:

(d) Any stocks of coal, wheresoever situate and by whomsoever held:

(e) Any plant, machinery, vehicles or articles which may be deemed requisite for the purposes of maintaining the supply and distribution of coal.

(2) The Board of Trade may give directions:—

(a) As to the management and user of any coal mine or any property of which possession may be taken as aforesaid:

(b) As to the production, manufacture, treatment, transport, storage, distribution, supply, disposal and use of any coal:

(c) As to fixing of prices of coal:

(d) As to the making and supplying of records, returns and information, and the verification thereof.

(3) The owner, agent and manager of every coal mine and every officer thereof, and every owner and person for the time being in possession of any such property as aforesaid, and where any such owner or possessor is a company, every director of the company, and every person engaged or employed in the production, manufacture, treatment, transport, storage, distribution, supply and disposal of coal, and every person using coal, shall comply with the directions so given as aforesaid.

(4) The Board of Trade may cause inquiries to be held by any person or persons with respect to any matters to which any of the powers hereby conferred relate.

(5) The Board of Trade may provide for the exercise by any person or body of persons approved by them of any powers conferred upon the board by this regulation.

(6) The taking or retaining of any coal mine, or of any factory, workshop, premises, or plant shall not affect the liability of the actual owner, agent or manager of the mine under the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1919, or any Act amending the same, or the liability of the actual owner or occupier of such factory,

workshop, premises or plant under the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901 to 1911.

(7) For the purposes of this regulation the expression "coal" shall include the products of coal, and gas and electricity made from or by means of coal whether for lighting, heating or any other purpose.

(8) The powers of the Board of Trade under this regulation shall, subject to the directions of the Board, be exercised by the Secretary for Mines.

(9) If any person fails to comply with any direction of the Board of Trade or the Secretary for Mines under this regulation, or obstructs any person acting on behalf of the Board under this regulation he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

14.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Board of Trade or for the Minister of Transport by order to require the owners of any undertakings for the supply of gas, water, or electricity to comply with any directions given by the Board or Minister as to the supply thereof.

(2) Where any such order has been issued, or where in pursuance of the powers conferred by any of these regulations possession has been taken of any works for the supply of gas, water or electricity, it shall be the duty of the owner of the undertaking and of every officer and servant of the owners and where the owners are a company of every director of the company to comply with any directions which may be given by the Board or Minister, and any person failing so to comply shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

14A.—(1) The Board of Trade may by order direct that all lights of any specified class or description shall be extinguished or their use restricted to such extent, between such hours, within such area, and in such places of entertainment, hotels, clubs, or other premises as may be specified in the order, and if any person having control of any light, or occupying or having control of, or managing, or being in charge of, premises in or in connection with which any light is used, acts in contravention of any such order, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(2) The Board of Trade or the Minister of Transport may by order direct that the use of lights in public vehicles shall be restricted to such extent as may be specified in the order, and if any person being in charge of any public conveyance in which any light is used acts in contravention of any such order he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

15. (1) The Board of Trade may by order prohibit or regulate the sale, supply, delivery or use of motor spirit, and require any persons owning or having the power to sell or dispose of motor spirit to place the same at the disposal of the Board or of any person authorised by them.

(2) In this regulation the expression "motor spirit" includes any inflammable liquid substance capable of being used for the purpose of driving motor vehicles.

(3) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of any order made under this regulation he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

16. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General to direct that telegraphic messages of such classes or descriptions as he may prescribe shall not be accepted for transmission.