

varied by the substitution therefore of the description set out in the Appendix to this Order.

Article 2. This Order may be cited as the Trade Boards (Button-making) Order, 1924.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Labour this sixth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

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H. J. Wilson,

Secretary, Ministry of Labour.

APPENDIX.

The Button-making Trade, that is to say:—

The manufacture of buttons, button moulds, upholsterers' buttons or upholsterers' button-headed nails (excluding the shanks), from any material by the processes of cutting, sawing, stamping, pressing, turning, drilling, fancying, grinding, barrelling, polishing, japanning, lacquering, dyeing, colouring, painting, varnishing, sewing, crocheting, or the covering of button moulds, including:—

(a) the manufacture of studs, links or parts thereof from any material other than metal, where such manufacture is carried on in association with or in conjunction with button-making so as to provide a common or interchangeable form of employment for workers;

(b) the manufacture of shanks for buttons where carried on in association with or in conjunction with button-making;

(c) the carding of any of the above articles wherever carried on;

(d) all despatching, packing, warehousing or other operations incidental to or appertaining to the manufacture of any of the above articles;

(e) the processes or operations specified in paragraphs (1) to (6) of the Appendix to the Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal-wares) Order, 1924, in any establishment mainly engaged in any of the other processes or operations which are included in the Trade defined by this Draft Order;

but excluding:—

(f) the manufacture of wooden button moulds;

(g) the covering of button moulds where carried on in association with or in conjunction with the making of wearing apparel;

(h) any work which by paragraph 7 of the Appendix to the Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal-wares) Order, 1924, is included as being part of that Trade.

INSTRUCTIONAL CIRCULAR.

TO ACCOMPANY THE TRADE BOARDS (STAMPED OR PRESSED METAL-WARES) ORDER, 1924.

1. It has been represented to the Minister of Labour that it might prove of assistance to employers and workers and others concerned in the application of the Trade Boards Acts if, in suitable cases, when he makes an Order applying the Acts to a trade for the first time, or when he makes an Order varying the exist-

ing description of a trade contained in an Order made under the said Acts, some information were given by a departmental Instructional Circular as to his understanding of the scope of the Order.

2. An authoritative interpretation of the Trade Boards Acts and/or of Orders made thereunder can be given only by the Courts of Law. For this reason, as the Department has always indicated, the views of the Minister in every case of this kind must necessarily be regarded as of a provisional character since the scope of his authority in this respect is confined to the institution of proceedings, with a view to obtaining the decision of the Courts, in cases in which it seems to the Minister that a breach of the Trade Boards Acts or Orders has occurred. Subject to this reservation, and on the understanding that any views which he may express provisionally as to the inclusion within, or exclusion from, the scope of the Acts and/or Orders made thereunder of any trade, process, operation, article or of any class of worker, are given on the information at the time in his possession and are subject to revision in the light of further information, the Minister makes the observations which follow in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 below, for the guidance of all concerned in the application of the Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares) Order, 1924.

3. Under the Order of 1924, of which a copy is given below, the description of the trade contained in the Order of 29th October, 1919, is varied by the substitution therefor of the description set out in the Appendix. The following illustrations (which must not be taken as exhaustive or complete) are given of the terms therein employed:—

In paragraph (1) of the Appendix to the Order, the phrase "metal small wares" may be held to include the following articles:—

Cabinet, etc., fittings.

(i) blind, cabinet or window fittings; curtain accessories; shop fitters' sundries:

Door, etc., fittings.

(ii) door or door-lock fittings or furniture (including escutcheons, finger-plates, handles, key-hole plates, knobs, knockers, letter-plates, number-plates, numerals, roses and any other door or door-lock fittings or furniture whether or not similar to the articles specified);

Light fittings.

(iii) brackets, chandeliers, electroliers, pendants or standards for electric or gas light; gas burners;

Bag fittings, etc.

(iv) fittings or frames for attache cases, hat-boxes, suit cases, trunks; trunk furniture; fittings or frames (including locks which are part of such fittings) for cutlery cases, jewel cases, purses, betting bags, brief-bags, cash-bags, cricket-bags, hand-bags, kit-bags, tennis-bags, or similar bags

Umbrella fittings, etc.

(v) ferrules; sunshade or umbrella furniture, namely, caps, ferrules, notches, runners, tip-cups, tips, mounts for sunshades, umbrellas or walking-sticks; whip mounts;