

every Special Order may be varied or revoked by a subsequent Special Order.

And whereas the Minister of Labour (hereinafter referred to as the Minister) by a Special Order cited as the Trade Boards (Corset) Order, 1919, and dated the 6th May, 1919, applied the Trade Boards Acts, 1909 and 1918, to the trade specified in the Appendix to the said Special Order.

And whereas the Minister is of opinion that it is desirable to vary the said Special Order by altering the description of the trade specified in the Appendix thereto.

Now therefore, the Minister by virtue of the powers conferred on him by the Trade Boards Acts, 1909 and 1918, and of any other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes a Special Order varying the Trade Boards (Corset) Order, 1919:

1. The description of the trade set out in the Appendix to this Order shall be substituted for that set out in the Appendix to the Trade Boards (Corset) Order, 1919.

2. This Order may be cited as the Trade Boards (Corset) Order, 1927.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Labour, this day of 1927.

Secretary of the
Ministry of Labour.

APPENDIX.

CORSET TRADE.

Subject to the provisions of this Appendix the Corset Trade shall consist of the following operations—

1. All work in connection with

(a) the manufacture of corsets, corselettes, stays, children's corset bodices, and infants' staybands;

(b) the manufacture of bust confiners;

(c) the manufacture of support or abdominal belts or similar articles;

(d) the manufacture (including assembling) of stocking suspenders, suspender belts and suspender pads, when carried on in conjunction with, or in association with the manufacture of any of the above articles.

2. Work in connection with the manufacture specified in para. 1 hereof shall include—

(a) the altering, repairing, renovating or remaking of any of the articles specified in para. 1 hereof, when carried on in conjunction with, or in association with such manufacture;

(b) warehousing, packing, marking, letter press stamping, when incidental to such manufacture.

3. Notwithstanding anything in this Appendix the following operations shall not be operations in the Corset Trade—

(a) the manufacture of bust confiners, when carried on in a department mainly engaged on the making of articles specified in the Appendix to the Trade Boards (Women's Clothing) Order, 1919;

(b) the manufacture of any of the articles specified in para. 1 hereof when made in association with or in conjunction with the manufacture of surgical instruments or appliances;

(c) the manufacture of corset steels and busks;

(d) printing, clerical work, cleaning, care-taking, and general maintenance work.

(DRAFT) INSTRUCTIONAL CIRCULAR. TRADE BOARDS (CORSET) ORDER, 1927.

Purpose of Circular.

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 1909 and 1918 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 existing 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.

An authoritative interpretation of the Trade Boards Acts and of Orders made thereunder can be given only by the Courts of Law 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 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 following observations for the guidance of all concerned in the application of the Trade Boards (Corset) Order, 1927.

General effect of the Amendment of the Order.

The Order of 1927 is designed to bring the description of the Corset trade for the purposes of the Trade Boards Acts into line with recent developments in the trade. The following paragraphs deal with the changes thus made. A copy of the definition contained in the Order of 1919 is attached for the purpose of comparison and reference.

(A) INCLUSION CLAUSES.

The Inclusion Clauses of the new definition are set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Appendix to the Order whilst the Exclusion Clauses are set out in paragraph 3 of the same.

Corsets, Corselettes, Stays, Children's Corset Bodices and Infants' Stay Bands.

(Paragraph 1 (a) of definition).

In accordance with the general principle indicated above, corselettes are now included because they form an important item in the Corset trade. The omission of the words "when boned or with elastic webbing in their construction" has the effect of bringing definitely within the scope of the Corset trade modern types of corsets which contain neither bone nor elastic webbing in their construction.

Bust Confiners.

(Paragraph 1 (b) of definition).

The words "bust confiners" are understood to cover brassieres and bandeaux. The