

Association, Ltd., being an organisation representative of employers in a section of the road transport industry concerned with the conveyance of goods by road, which the Minister of Labour has certified to be a proper body to make such an application for a variation of the periods of time laid down in Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, as amended by Section 31 of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, for the employment of drivers of road vehicles of certain types.

As provided in Sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, as amended, the Minister has referred the matter to the Industrial Court for advice. The Court has fixed Thursday, 10th January, 1935, at 10.30 a.m. at No. 5, Old Palace Yard, Westminster, S.W.1, as the time and place for hearing parties to the application.

Copies of the proposals contained in the application for the variation of the periods of time laid down in Section 19 of the Act can be obtained from the Secretary of the Industrial Court at the address given above, and any person representing organisations of employers or workpeople in the industry who may desire to make representations to the Court in the matter, should submit such representations to the Secretary of the Industrial Court in writing.

(Sgd.) *Robert H. Tolerton,*

Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Transport.

20th December, 1934.

MERCHANDISE MARKS.

THE MERCHANDISE MARKS (IMPORTED GOODS) EXEMPTION DIRECTION (No. 7), 1934, DATED THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1934, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND ACTING JOINTLY UNDER SECTION 3 (1) OF THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1926 (16 & 17 GEO. 5. c. 53).

Whereas by Section 3 sub-section (1) of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926 (16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 53), it is provided that if, where an Order in Council has been made under that Act with respect to any goods, it is shown to the satisfaction of the Appropriate Department by persons appearing to the Department to have a substantial interest in the matter that the application of the provisions of the Order or of some of those provisions to any particular class or description of those goods has caused or is likely to cause injury or hardship to the said persons or any of them, the Department may direct that the Order or any particular provisions of the Order shall cease to apply to goods of that class or description or shall apply to such goods subject only to such modifications and conditions as the Department think fit, and the Order shall, while the Direction is in force, have effect subject thereto:

And whereas it is provided by Article 1 of the Merchandise Marks (Imported Goods)

No. 7 Order, 1934, (a) that it shall not be lawful to import (among other things) any frozen pork or to sell or expose for sale in the United Kingdom (among other things) any imported frozen pork unless such meat bears an indication of origin; and by Article 2 of the said Order that the indication of origin shall be branded, or stamped stencilled or printed in ink or stain, durably and conspicuously, in letters which shall except as therein provided be not less than one-half of an inch in height; and by Paragraphs III and IV of Article 3 of the said Order that the indication of origin required on importation shall be applied as follows, that is to say—

III. In the case of frozen pork, each carcase shall bear the indication of origin on each side of the carcase on the outer side of the leg, loin, fore-end (spare-rib and blade-bone) and hand-and-spring, composing four marks on each side in the positions shown in the diagram, Figure III, in the Schedule to the Order.

IV. Except where any portion of a carcase of frozen pork is one of the forms of meat specified in the next following paragraph of the Order, each portion of any such carcase shall bear such markings indicative of origin as it would have borne if it had formed part of a complete carcase of such meat which had been marked in the manner hereinbefore in the Article prescribed.

and by Paragraph I of Article 4 of the said Order, that the indication of origin required on sale and exposure for sale, whether wholesale or by retail, shall be applied as follows, that is to say—

I. In the case of frozen pork, in like manner as on importation.

And whereas it is provided by Article 7 thereof that the said Order shall come into force at the expiration of six months from the date thereof and the said Order will accordingly come into force on the 7th January, 1935:

And whereas the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, being the Appropriate Department in this case, having considered representations made to them in that behalf by persons appearing to the Department to have a substantial interest in the matter, are satisfied that the application of the aforesaid provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of the said Order to certain portions of carcasses of frozen pork, namely, frozen shoulder cuts of pork from which the skin has been removed prior to importation, is likely to cause hardship to the said persons:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the said Section 3, hereby direct as follows:—

1. The aforesaid provisions of Paragraph IV of Article 3 and Paragraph I of Article 4 of the Order shall not apply to shoulder cuts of frozen pork from which the skin has been removed prior to importation; and
2. The provisions of Paragraph V of Article 3 and Paragraph II of Article 4 shall