

It is necessary to vary from time to time the maximum quantities prescribed under the Coal Supply (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, for deliveries and stocks in order to meet difficulties in the supply position created by periodic interruptions of supplies from various causes, and to ensure that the restricted supplies available are equitably distributed as far as possible among the general body of registered consumers. The Order now made limits under sub-paragraph 1 (a) deliveries with certain named exceptions to one half ton in September, 1946, and one quarter ton in each of the months October, November and December, 1946. The restrictions, so far as deliveries are concerned, are normally applied only to the main body of domestic householders who are situated at a convenient distance from their merchants' yards so as to avoid transport difficulties as far as possible and to avoid undue curtailment of supplies to other registered consumers who are engaged in food production, industrial or other productive activity. The exceptions are those prescribed by the Coal Supply (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, and the Coal Supply (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1945, except that Boroughs are included with Urban Districts in the application of the exceptions. The stocking restriction, however, applies to the general body of registered consumers and is at present in force but is re-enacted here by sub-paragraph 1 (b) and paragraph 3 for the purpose of having the temporary restrictions embodied in one Order. The restrictions on deliveries have previously been in force for the greater part of last year but have lapsed.

Paragraph 2 of this Order is necessary to enable cases of exceptional hardship to be considered.

THE COAL SUPPLY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) No. 2 (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1946, DATED DECEMBER 31, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER REGULATION 55 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939, AS HAVING EFFECT BY VIRTUE OF THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL POWERS) ACT, 1945 (a).

1946. No. 226

The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") by virtue of and in exercise of the powers under Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Minister of Fuel and Power, and as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945 (a) hereby orders as follows :—

1. Notwithstanding any provision in paragraph 7 or paragraph 8 of the Coal Supply (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, (b) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal order") as to the quantity of coal which may be furnished to or stored by a consumer—

- (a) the quantity of coal which may be furnished or acquired for consumption in any of the premises covered by the principal order shall not, except in the case of a consumer whose premises are not wholly or mainly used as a dwelling-house, or who is registered as a farmer, exceed one quarter ton in each of the months of January, February and March, 1947,
- (b) no supplies of coal may be furnished to or acquired by a consumer registered under the principal order at any time while he has in stock a quantity of coal exceeding one quarter

(a) 9 and 10 Geo. 6, C. 10.

(b) S. R. & O. (N.I) 1942, No. 125.

ton and the declaration form set out in the Second Schedule to the principal order shall be amended accordingly by the substitution of the words "one quarter ton" for the words "one ton".

2. The Coal Supply (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1944 (c), shall have effect as if in paragraph 2 (which amongst other matters restricts by reference to stocks held the amount of coal which may be furnished to or acquired by certain industrial consumers) there were substituted the words "twice the average weekly consumption" for the words "five times the average weekly consumption".

3. The Ministry may in accordance with the terms of paragraph 10 of the principal order authorise such exceptions or exemptions either in whole or in part from the terms of this order as it may deem necessary or expedient.

4. The Coal Supply (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946 (d) is hereby revoked.

5. This Order shall come into force on the First day of January, 1947.

6. This Order may be cited as the Coal Supply (Temporary Provisions) No. 2 (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 31st day of December, 1946, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *W. Crone,*

Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport)

This Order :—

- (a) Imposes for the months of January, February and March, 1947, temporary restrictions on deliveries to domestic consumers similar to those imposed by the Coal Supply (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1946; but domestic consumers whose premises are more than two miles from the merchant's last loading point and more than two miles outside the boundary of a borough or urban district are no longer excluded :
- (b) Revokes the previous Order of 1946 but re-enacts the stocking restriction in force under it :

(c) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1944, No. 17.

(d) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1946, No. 128.

- (c) Provides for a reduction in the quantity of coal which may be held in stock by industrial consumers who are not subject to the terms of paragraph 8 of the principal order.

Essential Work (Merchant Navy)

THE ESSENTIAL WORK (MERCHANT NAVY) REVOCATION ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946, DATED 19TH DECEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 58A OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939, AS HAVING EFFECT BY VIRTUE OF THE SUPPLIES (TRANSITIONAL POWERS) ACT, 1945 (a).

1946. No. 220

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland in pursuance of Regulations 58A and 98 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, (a) and Orders in Council made thereunder hereby orders as follows :—

1. The Essential Work (Merchant Navy) Order (N.I.), 1942, (b) is hereby revoked.
2. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1947.
3. This Order may be cited as the Essential Work (Merchant Navy) Revocation Order (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance this 19th day of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *J. W. McConnell*,

Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

Under the Essential Work (Merchant Navy) Order (N.I.), 1942, there was established for undertakings engaged in shipping services a reserve called the "Merchant Navy Reserve Pool" to secure that enough workers were at all times available to meet Merchant Navy manning requirements. The effect of the revocation of the Order will be to discontinue the direction by the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland, of seamen and officers to, or to remain in, the Merchant Navy.

(a) 9 and 10 Geo. 6, C. 10; and S. R. & O. 1945, Nos. 1620 and 1625.

(b) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1942, No. 158.