

STATUTORY RULES

1918. No. 36.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT 1914-1916.

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulation under the *War Precautions Act* 1914-1916, to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this sixth day of February, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

LITTLETON E. GROOM,
For the Minister of State for Defence.

AMENDMENT OF THE WAR PRECAUTIONS (PATENTS) REGULATIONS.

(Statutory Rules 1916, No. 140, as amended by Statutory Rules 1916, Nos. 161 and 256, and Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 22 and 283.)

Regulation 3 of the War Precautions (Patents) Regulations is amended—

- (a) by adding at the end of sub-regulation (3) thereof the words “or should be permitted without limitations, terms or conditions,” and
- (b) by inserting after sub-regulation (5) thereof the following sub-regulation:—

“(5A) If the Board determines that publication of the invention should be permitted without limitation terms or conditions the Commissioner of Patents shall notify the applicant of such determination, and the applicant shall, upon receipt of the notification, not be debarred from publishing his invention.”

2. After regulation 4 of the War Precautions (Patents) Regulations the following regulation is inserted:—

“4A. (1) Notwithstanding that the applicant for a patent for an invention has been notified that the publication of his invention is permitted, if the Commissioner of Patents at any subsequent date, is of the opinion that the continued publication of the invention is detrimental to the public safety or the defence of the Commonwealth, or otherwise might assist the enemy, or endanger the successful prosecution of the war, he may direct that no further publication of the invention, except with the permission, in writing, of the Attorney-General, be allowed, and may give all such directions as are necessary to give effect to this regulation.”

Withdrawal
of permission
to publish.

“(2) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any direction given in pursuance of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.”