

# STATUTORY RULES.

1919. No. 141.

## REGULATIONS UNDER THE WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT 1914-1918.

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *War Precautions Act* 1914-1918, to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this sixth day of June, 1919.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. A. WATT,  
for Minister of State for Defence.

### AMENDMENT OF WAR PRECAUTIONS (COAL) REGULATIONS.

(Statutory Rules 1917, No. 195, as amended by Statutory Rules 1917, Nos. 240 and 252, and by Statutory Rules 1919, Nos. 103 and 119.)

1. Regulation 10A of the War Precautions (Coal) Regulations is amended by omitting sub-regulations (12) and (13) and inserting in their stead the following sub-regulations:—

“(12) The Prime Minister may by order in writing cancel, suspend or vary to the extent specified by him any contract or agreement for the supply of coal.

“(13.) Notice of the cancellation, suspension or variation may be given—

(a) by the publication of a copy of the order in the *Gazette*;  
or

(b) by the service of a copy of the order upon each party to the contract or agreement.

“(14) Where a contract or agreement for the supply of coal has in pursuance of this regulation been suspended the Prime Minister may by a subsequent order revoke the suspension.

“(15) Where the Prime Minister makes an order varying any contract or agreement he may by the same or a further order fix the date from which the variation shall take, or shall be deemed to have taken, effect, and declare that any coal delivered or tendered on or after the date specified in the order by or on behalf of the person who was in fact the vendor under the contract or agreement to the other party to the contract or agreement which otherwise complied or complies with the conditions of the contract or agreement shall be deemed to have been delivered or tendered, or to be delivered or tendered, as the case may be, under the contract or agreement unless the person making delivery or tender notified or notifies the other party in writing at the time of the delivery or tender that the delivery or tender was or is not in pursuance of that contract or agreement.”

2. Regulation 10c of the War Precautions (Coal) Regulations is amended:—

(a) by inserting in sub-regulation (1) thereof, after paragraph (a), the following paragraph:—

“(aa) that the standard price for gas which, as regards any gas company specified in the Order, may be charged by that company under any State

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Act which provides for a sliding scale in the relation of the dividend payable by the company producing the gas to the price charged by it, is increased by the amount specified in the Order, and that, as regards that company, the standard price fixed under any such Act, plus the amount of the increase, shall be deemed to be the standard price within the meaning of that Act; and”;

(b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (1) thereof the words “smelting coke or” (wherever occurring); and

(c) by omitting sub-regulation (2).

3. After regulation 10c of the War Precautions (Coal) Regulations the following regulations are inserted:—

“10n. (1) Where the Prime Minister has given directions as to the rates of wages of persons employed in the production of coal acquired or to be acquired by the Commonwealth, he may, if he thinks fit, give directions as to the rates of wages and conditions of employment of persons employed in any part of the Commonwealth in the production of smelting coke.

“(2) Where the Prime Minister has given directions as to the rates of wages of persons employed in any part of the Commonwealth in the production of smelting coke, he may make an order varying by the addition of the prescribed amount the price charged for smelting coke supplied, on or after a date specified by him, under any contract for the supply of smelting coke produced in that part of the Commonwealth.

“(3) The prescribed amount referred to in the last preceding sub-regulation is the amount which represents the increased price paid for coal in pursuance of these Regulations together with the increases in the rate of wages directed in pursuance of this regulation.

“10e. (1) Where the Prime Minister has given directions as to the rates of wages of persons employed in the production of coal acquired or to be acquired by the Commonwealth he may, if he thinks fit, give directions as to the rates of wages and conditions of employment of persons employed in any part of the Commonwealth in the production of shale.

“(2) Where the Prime Minister has given directions as to the rates of wages of persons employed in any part of the Commonwealth in the production of shale, or refined oils, therefrom, he may make an order varying, by the addition of such amount as is specified by him, the price charged for any refined oils supplied, on or after a date specified by him, under any contract for the supply of refined oils produced in that part of the Commonwealth.

“10f. Any direction or order given or made in pursuance of these Regulations shall be valid and effectual for all purposes, and any person who contravenes any such direction or order shall be guilty of an offence.”

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workers and  
selling price of  
smelting coke.

Wages of shale  
workers and  
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Validity of  
Orders.