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## SPECIAL ARTICLES, REVIEWS, ETC.

### SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE IN FACTORIES.

#### ELECTRICITY (FACTORIES ACT) SPECIAL REGULATIONS, 1944.

Regulations\* under the above title were made by the Minister of Labour and National Service on 12th June, amending earlier Regulations, made by the Secretary of State on 23rd December, 1908, relating to the safety precautions that are required in connection with the use of electrical energy in factories, workshops, etc. The main object of the new Regulations is to bring the earlier Regulations up to date by applying them (under powers given by Sec. 60 of the Factories Act, 1937) to additional electrical processes and also to additional places, operations and works, particularly as regards work on ships, building operations and works of engineering construction; they would not in general apply to the use for such work of non-portable apparatus forming part of the permanent electrical installation of the ships, buildings, etc.

The new Regulations also make a drafting amendment in Regulation 18 of the earlier Regulations, with the object of removing a difficulty of interpretation to which attention was called in recent proceedings in the High Court. It appeared that, as previously worded, the Regulations would permit work on a dead section of a switchboard in dangerous proximity to a live section, if the live section *could* be screened off so as to prevent danger but is not so screened off *in fact*.

#### FACTORY ORDERS: NEW EDITION.

The Ministry of Labour and National Service have issued a new volume entitled "Factory Orders,"† a revised edition of the publication last issued by the Home Office in 1933 under the title "Factory and Workshop Orders." The new volume, contains the texts of Regulations and Orders under the Factories Act, 1937, and certain other Acts, which were in force on 1st January, 1944, together with an Appendix containing certain Statutory Rules and Orders relating to factories which have been made during the war under the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

\* S. R. & O. 1944, No. 739 H.M. Stationery Office, price 1d. net (2d. post free).  
† H.M. Stationery Office; price 5s. net (5s. 5d. post free).

### RESETTLEMENT AFTER RELEASE FROM WAR SERVICE.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF RESETTLEMENT ADVICE SERVICE.

The Government have decided to set up a Resettlement Advice Service with a view to assisting the resettlement of men and women released from war service.

The purpose of this Service, which is now being set up by the Ministry of Labour and National Service, is to make available to men and women released from the Forces and war industry everything possible in the way of advice and information on problems arising from the various aspects of resettlement. Apart from questions on subjects falling within the ambit of the Ministry's normal functions, *e.g.*, placing in and training for employment, men and women released from war service may be expected to have all kinds of domestic and other problems on which they will be anxious to obtain advice. It is intended that in operating the new Service there shall be a sympathetic appreciation of these problems and every effort will be made to give to ex-Service men and women the advice they seek and to put them into the way of obtaining the help they require.

For the purposes of this Service, Resettlement Advice Offices will be established in every town in which there is an Employment Exchange. The number will, therefore, be about 400. Some of these Offices may need to be open for part of the week only, *i.e.*, on the days when the public from the surrounding country customarily visits the town. The needs of enquirers in remoter areas will be met either by visits of an officer from a Resettlement Advice Office or by an invitation to attend the nearest Resettlement Advice Office. The subjects on which enquirers may be expected to seek information will be many and diverse: in a good many cases they will relate to the responsibilities of other Government Departments, Local Authorities, Voluntary Organisations, etc., and it will not, of course, be possible for Resettlement Advice Offices to undertake the duties of these Departments and bodies. It is the intention that officers in the Resettlement Advice Offices, who will be specially trained for the work, shall give the maximum possible service and render every possible assistance to enquirers; their purpose will be to elucidate sympathetically the problems put to them and to give all possible advice and information. They will refer callers to other places













## STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS.

The undermentioned Orders\* relating to matters with which the Ministry of Labour and National Service are concerned, either directly or indirectly, have recently been published in the series of *Statutory Rules and Orders*. Orders Nos. 742 and 743 mentioned below have been published, together with other Orders, as a single document (S. R. & O. 1944, Nos. 741-6), price 2d. net. (3d. post free).

*The Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations, 1944*, dated June, 12, 1944, made by the Minister of Labour and National Service under Section 60 of the Factories Act, 1937. (S. R. & O. 1944, No. 739. 1d. net (2d. post free)).—See summary on page 107.

*Order in Council amending Regulations 31A, 32 and 33B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939*. (S. R. & O. 1944, No. 742).—The Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1944, set up a new Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland and provided for the discharge by that Ministry of functions in connection with public health, housing and local government previously discharged by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The above Order, made on 29th June, 1944, provides for the corresponding transfer of functions under the Defence Regulations.

*Order in Council Amending Regulation 45AA of, and the Fourth Schedule to, the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939*. (S. R. & O. 1944, No. 743).—Paragraph (1) of Regulation 45AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, effects certain modifications of Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, so as to impose on the masters and owners of home-trade ships of two hundred tons or more various requirements similar to those applicable to foreign-going ships. The most important of these requirements is that crews shall be engaged and discharged before superintendents of the Mercantile Marine Offices. The

present Order, made on 29th June, 1944, exempts from these requirements ships engaged exclusively on the work of any harbour, pilotage or local authority. The Order also adds an additional requirement, namely, that the master or owner of such a home-trade ship shall deliver the agreement with the crew to the superintendent before the crew is discharged. A similar requirement already applies to foreign-going ships.

## FACTORIES ACTS.

### FACTORY FORMS.

From time to time the Ministry of Labour and National Service issue Factory Forms\* regarding Regulations and Orders made under the Factories Acts. The undermentioned Forms have been issued or reprinted since the previous list was published in the March, 1944, issue of this GAZETTE and may be purchased at the prices shown. The prices in brackets include postage.

No.	Title and Price.
3	Abstract of Provisions of the Factories Act, 1937, as to Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction. May, 1944, price 2d. (3d.).
276	Protection in the Installation and Working of Hoists or Lifts. March, 1944, price 1d. (2d.).
291	Safety of Machine Tools and other Plant. No. 1. Fencing of Drilling Machine Spindles, Chucks and Tools. January, 1944, price 3d. (4d.).
293	Safety of Machine Tools and other Plant. No. 3. Drop Hammers—Props and Catches. January, 1944, price 3d. (4d.).
981	Aerated Water Regulations, 1921 (as amended by the First Aid Regulations, 1937, and modified by the First Aid Factories Order, 1938). February, 1944, price 2d. (3d.).
1020	Patent Fuel Manufacture (Health and Welfare) Order, 1944. May, 1944, price 2d. (3d.).

\* Copies of official publications (including Orders, Regulations, etc.) referred to in this GAZETTE may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office at the addresses below.

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