

STATUTORY RULES.

1918. No. 37.

REGULATION UNDER THE WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT 1914-1916.

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,

E. J. RUSSELL,
for Minister of State for Defence.

AMENDMENT OF THE WAR PRECAUTIONS (SHIPPING) REGULATIONS.
(Statutory Rules 1916, No. 63, as amended by Statutory Rules, 1917,
Nos. 245, 263, and 294.)

After regulation 4 of the War Precautions (Shipping) Regulations the following regulation is inserted:—

"5. (1) The masters, owners, agents and charterers of every vessel registered in Australia or engaged in the coasting trade shall severally comply with every direction given by the Commonwealth Shipping Board in relation to the movements and use of the vessel and the carriage of cargo. Control of Coastal Shipping.

"(2) The Prime Minister may cancel or vary, as in his opinion the case may require, any contract the carrying out of which is in his opinion inconsistent with any directions given by the Commonwealth Shipping Board in pursuance of this regulation.

"(3) For the purposes of this regulation a vessel shall be deemed to be engaged in the coasting trade if she takes on board passengers or cargo at any port in a State, or a Territory which is part of the Commonwealth, to be carried to, or landed at, any other port in the same State or Territory, or in any other State or other such Territory.

Provided that a vessel shall not be deemed to be engaged in the coasting trade by reason of the fact that she carries—

- (a) Passengers who hold through tickets to or from a port beyond Australia and the Territories under the authority of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) Cargo consigned on a through bill of lading to or from a port beyond Australia and those Territories and which is not transhipped to or from any vessel trading exclusively in Australian waters; or
- (c) Mails between any ports in Australia or in any of those Territories.

"(4) Any direction purporting to be signed by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman or by the Secretary of the Commonwealth Shipping Board by authority of the Board, shall until the contrary is shown be deemed to have been given by the Board."