

STATUTORY RULES.

1918. No. 47.

REGULATION 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 fourteenth day of February, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. M. HUGHES,
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, and Statutory Rules 1918, No. .)

Regulation 5 of the War Precautions (Shipping) Regulations is amended— Amendment of Regulation 5.

- (a) by inserting in sub-regulation (1.) thereof after the words "carriage of" the words "passengers and";
- (b) by inserting therein after sub-regulation (1.) the following sub-regulation:—

"(1A.) Every direction given or to be given by the Commonwealth Shipping Board, whether before or after the commencement of this regulation, in relation to the movements and use of vessels and the carriage of passengers and cargo, shall be deemed to be a direction lawfully given and enforceable and compliance therewith shall excuse any person for any non-performance of any contractual obligation which, by reason of such compliance, could not be performed."; and

- (c) by omitting sub-regulation (2.) thereof and inserting the following sub-regulation in its stead:—

"(2.) The Prime Minister may cancel or vary any contract which involves the carriage of passengers or cargo by any vessel engaged in the coasting trade."