

The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers under Regulation 55 (1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland) Order, 1947, made by the Secretary of State in pursuance of paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, hereby orders as follows :—

1. The Electricity (Reduction of Consumption) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947, shall, in its application to any cinema in Northern Ireland, have effect as if in Article 1 of the said Order (which restricts the use or consumption of electricity on any premises in Northern Ireland used as a place of entertainment or sport) for the words “ between the hours of 12 midnight and 4 p.m.” there were substituted the words “ between the hours of 12 midnight and 2 p.m.”

2.—(1) This Order shall come into force on the 15th day of March, 1947.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Electricity (Reduction of Consumption) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1947, and shall be construed as one with the Electricity (Reduction of Consumption) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 14th day of March, 1947, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *W. Crone*,

Assistant Secretary.

Electricity and Gas

THE ELECTRICITY AND GAS (REDUCTION OF CONSUMPTION) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1947, DATED JANUARY 10TH, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATIONS 55 (1) AND 55AA (1) OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939, AS HAVING EFFECT BY VIRTUE OF THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL POWERS) ACT, 1945.

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The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as “ the Ministry ”) by virtue and in exercise of the powers under Regulations 55 (1) and 55AA (1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by the Delegation of Emergency

Powers (Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland) Order, 1947, made by the Secretary of State in pursuance of paragraph (1) of Regulation 102A of the said Regulations as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, hereby orders as follows :—

1. Every person engaged in carrying on any industrial undertaking, or any controlled premises, for the purposes of which the normal yearly consumption of fuel exceeds the specified quantity, shall, except in so far as otherwise authorised by licence :—

- (a) reduce the consumption of electricity during each of the three periods of four weeks beginning on the 13th day of January, 1947, the 10th day of February, 1947, and the 10th day of March, 1947, at every premises at which such undertaking is carried on, or at every such controlled premises, to a level which does not exceed an amount equal to $97\frac{1}{2}$ per centum of four times the average weekly consumption based upon the last meter reading before the 21st day of December, 1946, by the electricity undertakers ; and
- (b) reduce the consumption of gas during each of the said periods at every premises at which such undertaking is carried on, or at every such controlled premises, to a level which does not exceed an amount equal to $97\frac{1}{2}$ per centum of four times the average weekly consumption based upon the last meter reading before the 21st day of December, 1946, by the gas undertakers.

2.—(1) Any licence granted under this Order may be granted so as to apply to any particular person or premises or part of any premises.

(2) Any licence may be granted subject to such conditions as the Ministry or the authorised person granting the same shall deem necessary.

(3) The Ministry or such authorised person as aforesaid may revoke or vary any licence.

(4) Every condition contained in any licence granted under this Order shall be complied with by every person in whose favour the licence is granted ; and the breach of any such condition shall be and shall be deemed to be a contravention of this Order.

(5) If any licence granted under this Order is revoked by the Ministry or the authorised person who granted the same, the holder of such licence shall forthwith deliver it up as directed by the Ministry or such authorised person.

3. Every person desiring to obtain a licence under the provisions of Article one of this Order shall furnish such information as may be required by the Ministry or by the authorised person to whom an application for the grant of such a licence has been made.

4. Every person engaged in carrying on any industrial undertaking, or any controlled premises, as mentioned in Article one of this Order shall keep a record, in respect of each week beginning on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1947, and on each of the eleven Mondays subsequent thereto, showing the number of units of electricity and of cubic feet of gas consumed during each of those weeks at every premises at which such undertaking is carried on, or at such controlled premises, as the case may be.

5. Nothing in this Order shall apply to any premises (not being premises used as a railway hotel) forming part of and used by any railway undertaking or to any premises forming part of or used by an undertaking for the purposes of foundries, docks, harbours or canals.

6. In this Order and (unless the contrary intention appears) in every licence granted under the provisions of this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

“ controlled premises ” means any hotel, club, restaurant or place of entertainment or sport ; and

“ place of entertainment or sport ” includes any theatre, cinema, concert hall, dance hall, fun fair or place normally used for any entertainment or sport ;

“ licence ” means a licence granted by the Ministry or an authorised person ; and

“ authorised person ” means a person authorised by the Ministry to grant a licence under Article one of this Order ;

“ specified quantity ” means a quantity of :—

(a) 100 tons of coal ; or

(b) 130,000 units of electricity ; or

(c) 1,400,000 cubic feet of gas ;

“ coal ” includes bituminous coal, cannel coal, anthracite, coke and any manufactured fuel of which coal, anthracite or coke is the principal constituent.

7. This Order shall come into force on the 13th day of January, 1947, and may be cited as the Electricity and Gas (Reduction of Consumption) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 10th day of January, 1947, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *W. Crone*,
Assistant Secretary.