The Regulations substantially reproduce in shortened form certain provisions of the Spirits (Strength Ascertainment) Act, 1818, the Inland Revenue Act, 1880, the Spirits Act, 1880, the Revenue Act, 1903, the Finance Act, 1915, the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Finance Acts of 1933 and 1934. They also revoke and replace the substance of the Regulations dated 27th July, 1915, made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under section one of the Immature Spirits (Restriction) Act, 1915, the Strength of Spirits Ascertainment Regulations, 1916, the Spirits of Wine (Warehousing) Regulations, 1917, the Spirits (Scientific Purposes) Regulations, 1924, the Tinctures and Spirits of Wine Regulations, 1924, the Strength and Weight of Spirits Ascertainment Regulations, 1930, the Tinctures and Spirits of Wine (Amendment) Regulations, 1930, the Strength of Spirits Ascertainment Regulations, 1933, the Spirits (Medical Purposes) Regulations, 1934, the British Compounds (Warehousing in Bottle) Regulations, 1934, and the Manufacture of Spirits Regulations, 1945.

STATISTICS OF TRADE

1952 No. 1845

The Census of Production (1953) (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order, 1952

Made - - - -	20*th October*, 1952
Laid before Parliament	21*st October*, 1952
Coming into Operation	31*st December*, 1952

Whereas by sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Statistics of Trade Act, 1947(a), (hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") it is provided that the Board of Trade shall, for the purpose of providing at intervals general surveys of the state of trade and business, take a census of production in the year 1949 and in every subsequent year:

And Whereas by sub-section (2) of Section 2 of the Act it is provided that any person carrying on an undertaking may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of a census under the Act; and that the Board of Trade may by order provide for exempting from the obligation to furnish returns for the purposes of a census under the Act, either wholly or to the prescribed extent, and either unconditionally or subject to the prescribed conditions, any persons or any prescribed class or description of persons:

And Whereas by subsection (3) of Section 2 of the Act it is provided that the matters about which a person may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of a census under the Act shall be such of the matters set out in the Schedule to the Act as may be prescribed:

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 39.

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the said sub-sections of the Act and all other powers in that behalf enabling them, hereby order as follows:—

Exempted Persons

1. Any person carrying on an undertaking in the field of production of coal, gas, electricity, oil shale, crude or refined petroleum or shale oil products during any period in relation to which, but for the provisions of this Article, a return or returns in respect of that undertaking would be required to be furnished for the purposes of the census of production being taken under the Act by the Board of Trade in the year 1953 shall be exempted from the obligation to furnish any such return to the extent to which information required to be included therein in respect of that undertaking is furnished, in respect of that undertaking, to the Minister of Fuel and Power in pursuance of, and within such time as is specified in, a notice served upon that person before the 31st day of March, 1953, by the said Minister under Section 1 of the Act or of a requirement duly made of that person before the 31st day of March, 1953, by the said Minister under Section 5 of the Electricity Act, 1947(**a**), Section 7 of the Gas Act, 1948(**b**), Section 3 of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946(**c**), or Section 23 of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943(**d**), as amended by the Electricity Act, 1947.

Matters to which Returns may Relate

2. The matters about which a person may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of the said census shall be all the matters set out in the Schedule to the Act.

Citation and Commencement

3. This Order may be cited as the Census of Production (1953) (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order, 1952, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of December, 1952.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1952.

Peter Thorneycroft,
President of the Board of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order prescribes the matters about which persons may be required to furnish returns for the purposes of the Census of Production being taken in 1953 and exempts from the obligation to furnish such returns any person carrying on an undertaking in the field of production of coal, gas, electricity, oil shale, crude or refined petroleum, or shale oil products to the extent to which, with certain qualifications, the information which would be required by those returns is furnished to the Minister of Fuel and Power under Section 1 of the Statistics of Trade Act, 1947, or under Section 5 of the Electricity Act, 1947, Section 7 of the Gas Act, 1948, Section 3 of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, or Section 23 of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943, as amended by the Electricity Act, 1947.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 54. (b) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67. (c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 59. (d) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 32.