corresponding percentage of proof spirit", signed by the Chairman of the Commissioners and deposited in the Office of the Queen's Remembrancer at the Royal Courts of Justice;

"specific gravity at $\frac{20°}{20°}$ centigrade" means the ratio of the weight of a volume of spirits to the weight of an equal volume of distilled water, the volume of each liquid being computed as at twenty degrees centigrade (sixty-eight degrees Fahrenheit);

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Strength of Spirits Ascertainment Regulations, 1954, and shall come into operation on the eighth day of December, 1954.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1954.

A. W. Taylor,
Commissioner of Customs and Excise.

King's Beam House,
London, E.C.3.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note does not form part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations provide for the ascertainment of the strength of spirits, methylated spirits and fermented liquor by reference to their specific gravity at $\frac{20°}{20°}$ centigrade. This is in effect an addition to the various alternative methods of ascertaining the strength of such products authorized in Part IV of the Spirits Regulations, 1952, S.I. 1952/2229 (1952 III, p. 2979).

STATISTICS OF TRADE

1954 No. 1412

The Census of Production (1955) (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	*26th October,* 1954
Laid before Parliament	*1st November,* 1954
Coming into Operation	*31st December,* 1954

The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Section 2 of the Statistics of Trade Act, 1947(b), (hereinafter referred to as

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 39.

" 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 1955 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, 1955, by the said Minister under Section 1 of the Act or in pursuance of, and within such time as is specified in, a requirement duly made of that person before the 31st day of March, 1955, 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 (1955) (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of December, 1954.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1954.

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 1955, 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.