And the Right Honourable Herbert Morrison, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is to give the necessary directions herein.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amending Order has three purposes. First, it enables persons who were British subjects without citizenship on 28th September, 1949, to make application to the Foreign Compensation Commission for the purpose of establishing claims under the Order; and provides that property or an interest in property shall be deemed to be British if such property or interest was owned or held on the " relevant date " (as defined in Article 15 of the Order) by a British subject without citizenship. Secondly, it provides that, where the " relevant date " is the date on which a person or corporation was deprived of title to, or enjoyment of, the property to which the claim relates, that date must not be later than the 1st August, 1951, if the claim is to be entertained. Thirdly, it adds to the Slovak and Czechoslovak laws and decrees listed in the Schedule to the Order a number of further laws and decrees containing provisions of an expropriatory or confiscatory nature which were enacted before the entry into force of the Anglo-Czechoslovak Compensation Agreement of 28th September, 1949.

FORESTRY

The Forestry (Exceptions from Restriction of Felling) Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 1725

Made - - - -	*27th September,* 1951
Laid before Parliament	*27th September,* 1951
Coming into Operation	*1st October,* 1951

In exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 2 and 22 of the Forestry Act, 1951(a), and of all other powers them enabling, the Forestry Commissioners, after consultation with the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation, Commencement and Extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Forestry (Exceptions from Restriction of Felling) Regulations, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1951.

(2) These Regulations shall apply to Great Britain.

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 61.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say—

" the Act " means the Forestry Act, 1951 ;

" aerodrome " means any area of land or water designed, equipped, set apart or commonly used for affording facilities for the landing and departure of aircraft ;

" licence " means a licence under the Act authorising the felling of any trees ;

" statutory undertakers " means persons authorised by any enactment to carry on any railway, light railway, tramway, road transport, water transport, canal, inland navigation, dock, harbour, power or lighthouse undertaking, or any undertaking for the supply of electricity, gas, hydraulic power or water.

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

Ascertainment of cubic content of trees

3. For the purposes of section 2 of the Act, the cubic content of trees shall be ascertained by the Hoppus system of measurement taking quarter-girth measurement over bark. In the case of a tree which is of uniform taper throughout its timber length, the timber length of the tree is to be treated as one unit in ascertaining the cubic content. In the case of a tree which is not of uniform taper throughout its timber length, the respective cubic contents of the length between the butt and the first stop and of each length between stops are to be ascertained separately.

Exceptions from Restriction of Felling

4. The following shall be exceptions from the provisions of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Act (which prohibits the felling of growing trees unless a licence is in force authorising the felling) additional to the exceptions specified in subsection (2) of that section and accordingly no licence shall be required in respect of—

(*a*) the felling of any tree where the Secretary of State for Air or the Minister of Civil Aviation has certified that the tree obstructs the approach of aircraft to, or their departure from, any aerodrome or hinders the safe and efficient use of air navigational or aircraft landing installations ;

(*b*) the felling by statutory undertakers of trees on land in their occupation which obstruct the construction of any works required for the purposes of the undertaking of those undertakers or of trees which interfere with the maintenance or operation of any works vested in those undertakers ;

(*c*) the felling of any tree by, or at the request of, a river board established under the River Boards Act, 1948(**b**), or a drainage board constituted, or to be treated as having been constituted, under the Land Drainage Act, 1930(**c**), where the tree interferes or would interfere with the exercise of any functions of that board.

(**a**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**b**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 32.
(**c**) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 44.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Forestry Commissioners is hereunto affixed this twenty-seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.) *H. A. Turner,*
Secretary to the Forestry Commissioners.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 2 of the Forestry Act, 1951, prohibits the felling of growing trees unless a licence granted by the Forestry Commissioners under the Act is in force authorising the felling, subject however to certain exceptions specified therein. It also confers power on the Commissioners to make regulations providing for such additional exceptions as may be specified in the Regulations. These Regulations accordingly provide for three such additional exceptions.

They also provide for the ascertainment of the cubic content of trees, references to which appear in several places in Section 2.

The Regulations come into operation on the 1st October, 1951, the date on which the relevant provisions of the Act come into force.

The Forestry (Felling of Trees) Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 1726

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Coming into Operation	*1st October,* 1951

In exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 22 of the Forestry Act, 1951(a), and of all other powers them enabling, the Forestry Commissioners, after consultation with the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Forestry (Felling of Trees) Regulations, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1951.

(2) These Regulations shall apply to Great Britain.

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 61.