LAUNDRIES.

ORDER, DATED AUGUST 31ST, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER REGULATION 55 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1942. No. 131.

WHEREAS by letter of delegation dated 27th August, 1942, given by the Board of Trade under paragraph (5) of Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, the Board of Trade delegated to the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") their functions under the said Regulation in relation to anything required or authorised under the said Regulation to be done in Northern Ireland for the purpose of the control of laundries :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry in exercise of the powers so delegated to it and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order :—

Directions.

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, every person engaged in the Laundry Trade shall, in relation to articles of personal and domestic use (in this Order referred to as "articles") which are to be washed or laundered—

(i) accept, keep, wash, launder, move, transport and distribute, such articles in accordance with any direction given by the Ministry ; and

(ii) not accept, keep, wash, launder, move, transport and distribute, such articles in contravention of any direction given by the Ministry.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, any direction thereunder may be given in respect of articles generally or of any class or description of such articles or any such articles mentioned in the direction—

(i) prohibiting such articles being accepted, kept, washed, laundered, moved, transported and distributed, by persons engaged in the Laundry Trade, generally, or by any class or description of such persons, or by any such person to whom such direction is addressed ; or,

(ii) specifying, as regards such persons or any class or description of such persons, or any such person to whom such direction is addressed,—

(*a*) the purposes for, the terms and conditions on, and the charges for which, such articles shall or shall not be accepted, kept, washed, laundered, moved, transported and distributed ; and,

(*b*) the persons or class or description of persons by or to whom such articles shall or shall not be accepted, kept, washed, laundered, moved, transported and distributed.

Records, information and inspection.

2.—(1) Any person engaged in the Laundry Trade shall, if required so to do, either by a notice served on him or by a direction issued by or on behalf of the Ministry, keep such books, accounts and records relating to the business as may be prescribed by the notice or direction.

(2) Any person engaged in the Laundry Trade shall, if requested so to do by or on behalf of the Ministry—

(i) produce to such person or to a person of such class or description, as may be mentioned in the request, such books, accounts or other documents relating to the business as may be mentioned or described in the request ; and

(ii) furnish to such person, or to a person of such class or description, as may be mentioned in the request, and within such period, and on and in such form (if any) as may be prescribed by the request, such returns or information relating to the business as may be mentioned or described in the request ; and

(iii) permit such person or a person of such class or description as may be authorised by the Ministry in that behalf, to enter and inspect any premises used for or in connection with the business, and to inspect any articles on the premises which have been, are being, or are likely to be accepted, kept, washed, laundered, moved, transported, and distributed, with a view to securing compliance with this Order, and any person in possession of any such premises, and his agents and servants, shall furnish the means required for such entry and inspection.

Interpretation.

3.—In this Order the expression " Laundry Trade " means the trade described in the Trade Boards (Laundry Trade, Northern Ireland) (Constitution, Proceedings and Meetings) Regulations, 1924, (a)

Citation and commencement.

4.—This Order may be cited as the Laundry (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, and shall come into operation on the First day of September, 1942.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 31st day of August, 1942, in the presence of

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

(a) S. R. & O. 1924, No. 45.