

“Building-materials” means any materials or goods capable of being used in or for the purposes of any constructional work or capable of being dealt with in or for the purposes of any constructional work, whether by being manufactured, fabricated, improved, altered, or prepared, or otherwise; and includes goods that have been wholly or partly so dealt with; and also includes any tools, machinery, plant, or equipment capable of being used in or for the purposes of any constructional work; and also includes any patent rights relating to any such materials, goods, tools, machinery, plant, or equipment:

“Owner,” in relation to any building-materials, includes any person having the materials in his possession or control or on order by him.

REGULATION 2.—BUILDING CONTROLLER.

(1) The Minister may from time to time appoint a Controller to be known as “the Building Controller.”

(2) The Controller shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(3) The general functions of the Controller shall be to organize and promote the undertaking of constructional works according to the importance thereof in the public interest, and for that purpose to determine the precedence and order of urgency thereof and to ensure the supply of materials and labour for the prosecution of constructional works according to the order of urgency laid down from time to time by the Controller.

(4) The Controller shall be subject in all things to the control of the Minister, and shall act in accordance with all directions, general or special, given to him by the Minister.

REGULATION 3.—STOPPING OF CONSTRUCTIONAL WORK.

(1) The Controller may at any time, by notice to the owner or person in charge of any constructional work, whether it was commenced before or after the making of these regulations and whether or not it is the subject of any permit granted under these regulations, direct that the constructional work be wholly stopped, or be stopped except so far as the notice otherwise provides.

(2) Where a notice has been given under this regulation in respect of any constructional work, no person shall, except with the precedent consent of the Controller, proceed with that work in contravention of the terms of the notice, or cause or permit any other person so to do.

(3) For the purpose of determining the rights and liabilities of any party to a contract relating to constructional works, any restriction imposed under or by virtue of this regulation shall be deemed to be equivalent to the occurrence of a strike, lockout, or interruption by *force majeure*.

REGULATION 4.—CONSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS.

The Controller may from time to time direct, either generally, or in respect of any special constructional work or class of constructional work, that no work shall commence except in accordance with a permit issued by the Controller under these regulations.