

(3) In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context,—

“ Armed Services ” means the Naval, Military, and Air Forces of the Dominion :

“ Encumbrancer ” means any person having at the time of impressment an interest (other than an interest as holder as hereinafter defined) in or an encumbrance, charge, or lien upon or over any impressed motor-vehicle or equipment, including the bailor thereof, under an agreement of hire or hire-purchase, and any owner not being the holder as hereinafter defined :

“ Equipment ” means any equipment, accessories, fittings, and materials used or capable of being used in connection with the running, maintenance, and repair of motor-vehicles, including tires, tubes, tools, spare parts, breakdown equipment, fuel, grease, oils and lubricants, and engines for motor-vehicles and parts thereof :

“ Holder ” means the person who at the time of impressment is lawfully in possession of an impressed motor-vehicle or equipment, excluding a person in possession merely as servant or agent of some other person, but including the bailee thereof under an agreement of hire or hire-purchase and an agent for sale or otherwise of a vehicle or equipment owned by a person outside New Zealand :

“ Motor-vehicle ” means any vehicle propelled by mechanical power, including a tractor and the chassis of a motor-vehicle, and also includes a trailer capable of being drawn by a motor-vehicle ; it includes with respect to any particular motor-vehicle all accessories, fittings, and equipment (including spare parts, spare tires, tools, sideboards, tailboards, nets, chains, tarpaulins or other waterproof covers) belonging to the same :

“ Registered owner ” means the person who at the time of issue of a notice of impressment is registered as the owner of a motor-vehicle in terms of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

REGULATION 2.—ADMINISTRATION.

(1) The person for the time being holding the office of Registrar of Motor-vehicles under the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, shall be the Chief Impressment Officer for the purposes of these regulations.

(2) The Chief Impressment Officer may appoint Deputy Registrars of Motor-vehicles under the last-mentioned Act to be Impressment Officers for the purposes of these regulations.

(3) The Chief Impressment Officer may himself exercise any power exercisable by an Impressment Officer under these regulations.

(4) Every Impressment Officer may exercise such of the powers conferred on the Chief Impressment Officer by these regulations as the Chief Impressment Officer may from time to time authorize him to exercise :

Provided that the exercise by any Impressment Officer of any such powers shall, in favour of any person dealing with him, be conclusive evidence that he is for the time being so authorized.