

Serial Number 1940/174.



ORDER IN COUNCIL FOR RESTRICTING THE COMMERCE OF ITALY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace this 11th day of June, 1940.

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by reason of a declaration of war against His Majesty by Italy His Majesty has been compelled to proclaim the existence of a state of war with Italy :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 27th day of November, 1939,* His Majesty was pleased to direct certain measures to be taken against the commerce of Germany as an act of retaliation against violations of the laws and customs of war, the rights of neutrals, and the obligations of humanity committed by the German Government and recited in the said order :

And whereas these violations have continued and are evidently part of the settled method of waging war which Germany has adopted :

And whereas Italy by her actions has associated herself with Germany in the present war and has thereby made herself a party to the method of waging war adopted by Germany and will share in any advantages derived therefrom :

And whereas the commerce of Italy will, equally with that of Germany, be employed to further the common cause of enemies of His Majesty :

And whereas these facts give to His Majesty an unquestionable right to apply to the commerce of Italy measures similar to those taken against that of Germany :

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Subject to the substitution of the 4th day of June, 1940, for the 4th day of December, 1939, in Articles 1 and 2 thereof, the Order in Council dated the 27th day of November, 1939, shall apply for restricting the commerce of Italy in the same manner as it applies for restricting the commerce of Germany.

RUPERT B. HOWORTH.

* Statutory Regulations 1940, Serial number 1940/4.

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This Order in Council is (in New Zealand) administered in the Customs Department.