

available in the hands of that authority for expenditure, with the approval of the said Board of Trade, on the following purposes:—

- (a.) The payment from time to time of the expenses incurred by the licensing authority or by any Department of the Government, or by the Board of Trade, in administering the system of export licenses hereby established.
 - (b.) The distribution from time to time among the several holders of export licenses of such sums as may be deemed justly payable in order to compensate those holders for any loss incurred by them in disposing of butter of their own manufacture for home consumption instead of for export, during any period in respect of which the aforesaid charge on butter-fat has been paid by them.
 - (c.) In refunding to the payers of the charge all sums not expended for the aforesaid purposes.
- (2.) The determination of the Board of Trade as to the expenditure of such moneys shall for all purposes be final and conclusive.

9. Every export license shall be issued on the terms that if any dispute arises between the licenseholder and the licensing authority as to the amount of the charge to be paid by the licenseholder, the dispute shall be referred to the said Board of Trade, whose decision thereon shall be final.

10. Every export license shall be issued on the terms that the licenseholder shall from time to time make to the licensing authority such returns relative to the business of the licenseholder as that authority may from time to time require for the purposes of this Order in Council, those returns to be verified by statutory declaration if and so far as the licensing authority so requires.

11. Every export license may be issued on such further terms and conditions as the licensing authority considers necessary for the effective administration of this Order in Council.

12. No export license shall be granted to any company, firm, or person until that company, firm, or person has entered into a written agreement with the licensing authority, on behalf of the Crown, to pay the said charge and to observe and perform all the terms and conditions of the license.

13. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order in Council, butter and cheese may, with the leave of a Collector of Customs, be shipped for exportation as ship's stores at any time before the 28th day of October, 1916, without the necessity of an export license, if the Collector is satisfied that the quantity so shipped does not exceed the quantity reasonably required by the ship for its outward and return voyage.

14. The licensing authority for the purposes of this Order in Council shall be such officer of the Government service as may be nominated in that behalf by the Minister of Agriculture.

15. Nothing in this Order in Council shall apply to whey-butter, or to milled butter, or to farmers' dairy butter or cheese.

16. Save and except that the Order in Council of the 11th day of May, 1916, is hereby revoked as aforesaid, nothing in this present Order in Council, or in any export license granted in pursuance thereof, shall in any manner take away or affect the operation of any other Orders in Council by which the export of butter or cheese is already in any manner prohibited or restricted; and all existing Orders in Council made under the Customs Act, 1913, and the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, relative to the exportation of goods shall have full force and effect according to their tenor concurrently with the present Order in Council, and in the same manner as if the said Order in Council of the 11th day of May, 1916, had never been in force.

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