

Ref. No. 7837/2/C.



## DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

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### ***Early Closing of Shops Order, 1920.***

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Owing to the operation of the Summer Time (Isle of Man) Act, and in view of prolonged daylight, HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, under powers vested in him by Regulation 10B of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, has made an Order dated 29th March, 1920 (a copy of which is appended), extending, as from the 30th March, 1920, the hours for closing shops in the Towns of Douglas, Ramsey, Peel, and Castletown, and the Village Districts of Onchan, Port Erin, Port St. Mary, and Laxey.

The Order permits shops in other localities to remain open without restriction, and also permits Fruit, Sweet, and Tobacco Shops in the aforesaid Towns and Village Districts to remain open one hour later in the evening than other shops.

Orders under the Regulation above referred to are made solely for the purpose of economising coal and gas, economy in this direction still being essential.

The Order will not operate on Thursday, the 1st day of April, 1920.

Any person who is expressed to be liable to a penalty under the Order is guilty of a summary offence under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and is liable to be sentenced to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding £100, or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Copies of the Order may be obtained on application to Messrs S. K. Broadbent and Co., Ltd., Douglas, price 2d. each.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,

Government Office,  
Isle of Man,  
29th March, 1920.

Government Secretary.

*ISLE OF MAN* } *By His Excellency Major-General William Fry, C.B., C.V.O.*  
*TO WIT.* } *Lieutenant-Governor of the said Isle, Etc., Etc.*

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## DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

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In pursuance of Regulation 10B of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. (a) Every shop in the Towns of Douglas, Ramsey, Peel, and Castletown, and in the Village Districts of Onchan, Port Erin, Port St. Mary, and Laxey (with the exception of those shops in which the retail trades or businesses referred to in clauses 2 (2), 3, 4 and 5 of this Order are carried on) shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 8 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and not later than 9 o'clock in the evening on Friday, and not later than 10 o'clock in the evening on Saturday (such hours being hereinafter referred to as "the closing hours"), and in the case of a contravention of this provision the occupier of the shop shall be liable to a penalty; and

(b) Any person who carries on in any place, not being a shop, in the Towns and Village Districts aforesaid, any retail trade or business (other than the retail trades or businesses referred to in Clauses 2 (2), 3, 4, and 5 of this Order) after 8 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, or after 9 o'clock in the evening on Friday, or 10 o'clock in the evening on Saturday (such hours being hereinafter referred to as "the closing hours") shall be liable to a penalty.

2. This Order shall not prevent—

(1) the serving of a customer where it is proved that the customer was in the shop before the closing hours or that reasonable grounds existed for believing that the article supplied after the closing hours to a customer was required in a case of illness; or

(2) the sale after the closing hours of

(a) meals or refreshments for consumption on the premises;

(b) newly cooked provisions to be consumed off the premises;

(c) milk other than tinned milk;

(d) intoxicating liquors to be consumed on or off the premises, in compliance with the law and with the Orders of the Competent Military Authority for the time being in force, except in the cases of shops and premises in the Isle of Man in respect of which "Retail Liquor Licences" have been granted, all of which said shops and premises must be closed at the closing hours;

(e) medicine or medical or surgical appliances, so long as the shop is kept open and lighted only for such time as is necessary for serving the customer;

(f) newspapers;

(g) motor or cycle supplies or accessories for immediate use, so long as the shop is kept open and lighted only for such time as is necessary for serving the customer;

(h) victuals, stores, or other necessaries required by any naval or military authority for His Majesty's Forces or required for any ship on her arrival at or immediately before her departure from a port, so long as the shop is kept open and lighted only for such time as is necessary for serving the customer; or

(i) the transaction after the closing hour of any post office business.

3. Every shop, or place not being a shop, in the Towns and Village Districts aforesaid, in which the trade or business of a barber or hairdresser is carried on, shall be closed not later than 9 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and not later than 10 o'clock in the evening on Saturday, and in the case of a contravention of this provision, the occupier of the shop or place shall be liable to a penalty.

4. Every shop, or place not being a shop, in the Towns and Village Districts aforesaid, carrying on the business of the retail sale of sweets, chocolates, or other sugar confectionery, or tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes, or fresh fruit, shall be closed not later than 9 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and not later than 10 o'clock in the evening on Friday, and not later than 11 o'clock in the evening on Saturday, and in the case of a contravention of this provision, the occupier of the shop or place shall be liable to a penalty.

5. (a) Every shop in the Towns and Village Districts aforesaid, carrying on any of the businesses referred to in Clause 2 (2) (a) (b) and (c) shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 11-30 o'clock in the evening of every day, and in the case of a contravention of this provision the occupier of the shop shall be liable to a penalty, and

(b) any person who carries on in any place, not being a shop, in the Towns and Village Districts aforesaid, any of the retail trades or businesses referred to in Clause 2 (2) (a) (b) and (c) after 11-30 o'clock in the evening of any day shall be liable to a penalty.

6. Every place of entertainment or amusement of every description in the Isle of Man open to the general public, whether a charge has been made for admission thereto or not, shall close at 11 o'clock in the evening, and in the case of a contravention of this provision the occupier of such premises, or the person or persons responsible for the letting, hiring, or engaging of such premises for the purpose of the said entertainment, shall be liable to a penalty.

7. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, it shall be competent for a High-Bailiff to issue a license authorising a place of entertainment or amusement to remain open after the hour of closing fixed by this Order. Any license so issued shall specify the hour at which the place of entertainment or amusement in respect of which the license is issued shall close.

8. This Order shall not apply to any bazaar or sale of work for charitable or other purposes from which no private profit is derived.

9. The expression "shop" in this Order includes any premises where any retail trade or business is carried on.

The expression "retail trade or business" includes the business of a retail sale by auction.

The expression "place of entertainment or amusement" includes any Theatre, Music Hall, Kinema Hall, Dancing Hall, Schoolroom, Concert Room, or Room of any description in which any entertainment is held.

10. For the purposes of the exemption relating to the sale of meals or refreshments, (a) tobacco supplied at a meal for immediate consumption shall be deemed to form part of the meal; (b) refreshment shall not be deemed to include sweets, chocolate, or other sugar confectionery or ice cream.

11. The operation of this Order shall be suspended on Thursday, the 1st day of April, 1920.

12. This Order shall come into force on the 30th day of March, 1920.

This Order rescinds the Order made by the Lieutenant-Governor dated the 31st day of January, 1917, respecting the closing of shops in the district of the Commissioners of the Town of Peel, the Orders made by the Lieutenant-Governor dated the 22nd day of August, 1918; the 28th August, 1918; the 23rd September, 1918; the 17th March, 1919; the 29th May, 1919; the 20th August, 1919; the 11th September, 1919, the 27th September, 1919; the 30th September, 1919; the 24th November, 1919; and the 1st December, 1919, respectively.

This Order may be cited as the "Early Closing of Shops Order, 1920."

Given under my hand this 29th day of March, 1920.

W. FRY, M.G.,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

