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DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

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**COAL (DISTRIBUTION) ORDER, 1921.**

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In view of the present Miner's Strike, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has made an Order dated 4th April, 1921 (a copy of which is appended), regulating the distribution of Coal in the Isle of Man.

The attention of Coal Merchants, Managers of Gas Works, and Transport Services and other Importers is drawn to the fact that Coal in their possession cannot be used by them after the 4th April except under the written authority of the Government Secretary.

Private individuals who have Coal in their possession in excess of one ton must notify the Government Office of the quantity in their possession.

Any person acting in contravention of the Order is guilty of a summary offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and is liable to a sentence of 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.

By order,

B. E. SARGEANT,  
Government Secretary.

Government Office,  
Isle of Man,  
4th April, 1921.

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

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby order that, except under the authority of the Lieutenant-Governor, the following regulations shall be observed by all persons concerned :—

1. All persons owning or having power to sell or dispose of stocks of coal now in the Isle of Man, while this Order subsists, shall place such coal at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor.
2. Stocks of coal now in the Isle of Man, or hereafter brought into the Isle of Man, while this Order subsists, shall be distributed as follows :—
  - (a) On and after the 4th April, 1921, no person owning stocks of coal (hereinafter called a Licensed Dealer) may sell, issue, or part with such coal unless he is authorized in writing to do so by a licence issued by the Government Secretary.
  - (b) A Licensed Dealer may only issue coal for domestic purposes at the rate of *one* hundredweight per household per week, and no person shall receive coal in excess of that quantity for such purposes.
  - (c) Coal shall not be issued to any household already in possession of a stock of coal amounting to *ten* hundredweights or more.
  - (d) A Licensed Dealer may not issue coal for commercial purposes except under the authority of a Licence issued by the Government Secretary.
  - (e) Coal for public and private offices, hotels, hospitals, schools, etc., may only be issued by Licensed Dealers in such quantities and to such addresses as may be authorised in writing by the Government Secretary.
  - (f) Any officer authorised in writing in that behalf by the Government Secretary may enter upon any premises where coal is stored for domestic purposes in excess of one ton and order its removal to other premises.
3. "Stocks of coal" means coal in excess of one ton.
4. "Coal" includes slack and coal.
5. Infringements of this Order are summary offences against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.
6. This Order may be cited as the Coal (Distribution) Order, 1921.

Given under my hand this 4th day of April, 1921.

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