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Procedure for administering the duties imposed upon the Secretary of the Treasury by Paragraphs X, XI, XII, and XIII of the Executive order signed by the President October 12, 1917, under the acts of June 15, 1917, and October 6, 1917.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, November 23, 1917.

To officers of the Treasury Department and others concerned:

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by Executive order of the President, dated October 12, 1917, I hereby adopt the following administrative procedure deemed necessary and proper for the executive administration vested by said Executive order in the Secretary of the Treasury; such administrative procedure to remain in effect unless and until modified or superseded by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

(1) I hereby designate the Federal Reserve Board to act as the agency of the Secretary of the Treasury, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the investigation, regulation, or prohibition of any transaction in foreign exchange, export, or earmarking of gold or silver coin, or bullion, or currency, transfers of credit in any form (other than credits relating solely to transactions to be executed wholly within the United States) and transfers of evidences of indebtedness or of the ownership of property between the United States and any foreign country, or between residents of one or more foreign countries, by any person within the United States (provided that licenses from the War Trade Board shall also be required in respect of all such transactions with, or for account of, an enemy or ally of enemy or any person acting for, or on behalf of, or for the benefit of, an enemy or ally of enemy, and I hereby designate the War Trade Board to act as the agency of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue any such licenses); and I hereby further designate the Federal Reserve Board, acting through its duly authorized agents, to act as the agency of the Secretary of the Treasury to exercise the authority and power vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by Article X of said Executive order to require any person engaged in any such transaction to furnish under oath complete information relative thereto, including the production of any books of account, contracts, letters, or other papers in connection therewith in the custody or control of such person, either before or after such transaction is completed.

The Executive order dated September 7, 1917, made under the authority of Title VII of the act of Congress approved June 15, 1917, entitled "An act to punish acts of interference with the foreign relations, the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes," shall remain in full force and

effect, subject to the requirement of licenses of the War Trade Board in the cases hereinbefore specified, until new regulations shall have been established by the President or by the Secretary of the Treasury with the approval of the President, and thereupon shall be superseded.

(2) I hereby designate the War Trade Board to act as the agency of the Secretary of the Treasury to administer the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the sending, taking, or transmitting, or attempting to send, take, or transmit, out of the United States, and to issue licenses under such regulations as said War Trade Board may from time to time prescribe, to send, take, or transmit out of the United States any letter, or other writing, book, map, plan, or other paper, picture, or any telegram, cablegram, or wireless message, or other form of communication intended for or to be delivered, directly or indirectly, to an enemy or ally of enemy; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to diminish or impair either the executive administration vested in the Censorship Board or the executive administration vested in the Postmaster General by said Executive order dated October 12, 1917. All applications for such licenses shall be made to the War Trade Board in the form prescribed by the War Trade Board. Such licenses shall state that the terms thereof are authorized and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall provide that the number of the license under which any such communication shall be sent shall be plainly marked upon such communication.

(3) I hereby designate the Customs Division of the Treasury Department to administer and to issue licenses (except licenses to send, take, or transmit out of the United States any letter, writing, or tangible form of communication intended for or to be delivered, directly or indirectly, to an enemy or ally of enemy) in respect of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury under Article XI of said Executive order relative to sending, or taking out of, or bringing into, or attempting to send, take out of, or bring into, the United States any letter, writing, or tangible form of communication except in the regular course of the mail.

(4) I hereby designate the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of the Treasury Department to administer, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury under Article XII of said Executive order, relative to the granting of licenses or withholding or refusing the same to an enemy or ally of enemy insurance or reinsurance company doing business within the United States through an agency or branch office or otherwise.

W. G. McADOO, *Secretary of the Treasury.*

Approved, November 23, 1917.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

WOODROW WILSON.