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## SITING OF RICKS

As a precaution against incendiary attack the Siting of Ricks Order, which applies to the whole of England and Wales, prohibits the building of any rick of agricultural produce within 20 yards of any other rick or of any dwelling house. Ricks may, however, be built in pairs for convenience of baling or threshing, provided each pair is at least 20 yards distant from any part of any other rick.

A number of ricks have recently been set on fire by enemy action. These incidents emphasise the necessity for taking the precautions prescribed in the Order to minimise the loss from such attacks.

Much produce is stored in Dutch barns, whose continued use is essential in these days of heavier production and shortage of labour; and the Order has now been amended so as to provide that the above requirements shall no longer apply to produce stacked in Dutch barns erected before the 15th June, 1942, when the original Order came into force. Farmers are strongly recommended, however, not to fill Dutch barns to more than two-thirds of their height; or at least not to fill them higher than the eaves and to leave a small gap in one of the bays, so that fire fighters could quickly get on to the top of the stacks to deal with any incendiary bomb penetrating the roof.