

REGISTRATION OF BUILDERS

DEFENCE REGULATION 56AB

Panel to advise on the Administration of the Regulation

Since October 1st 1941, no Building or Civil Engineering Contractor should be carrying on business unless he is registered by the Ministry of Works and Buildings. A condition of registration is compliance with the requirements of the Regulation as to terms and conditions of employment, which are that:-

- (a) where the terms and conditions of employment of persons employed in building undertakings or civil engineering contracting undertakings in any class of work in any district or on any site have been fixed by joint agreement in the industry or by arbitration, the terms and conditions of employment of persons employed in that class of work in that district or on that site in any building undertaking or civil engineering contracting undertaking carried on by an applicant for registration shall be neither more nor less favourable than the first mentioned terms and conditions;
- (b) such conditions as to hours of employment (including conditions as to Sunday work) will be observed as the Minister may direct.

Under paragraph 5 of the Regulation, the Minister of Works and Buildings has power to revoke a Certificate of Registration or a Provisional Certificate of Registration held by any person or persons who fail to comply with these requirements.

The Minister has now decided, after consultation with representatives and officials of the National Federation of Building Trades' Employers and the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, to set up a Panel to advise him on questions arising as to whether the conditions prescribed for registration are being complied with and on the action to be taken in cases where these conditions are not being observed, and in general to advise on such other matters connected with registration as he may refer to them.

The Panel will be advisory, and will consist of members nominated by the National Federation of Building Trades' Employers, and by the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, respectively, with two officials of the Ministry of Works and Buildings, one of whom will be Chairman. The Secretary of the Panel will be provided by the Ministry of Works and Buildings.

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