

8. Subsection one of section sixteen presently reads as follows:—

“16. (1) Where any person is carrying on an undertaking capable of being used—

(a) to produce munitions of war or supplies required by any government department, board, or other public authority for the purpose of the discharge of its functions, or to construct or carry out defence projects so required; or

(b) to produce munitions of war or supplies or construct or carry out defence projects which are directly or indirectly required for any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing paragraph; and it appears to the Minister that the carrying on of that undertaking is or is likely to be essential in time of war, the Minister may give to that person directions requiring him to take, within such period as may be specified in the directions, such measures as may be so specified, being measures which in the opinion of the Minister are necessary to secure the due functioning of the undertaking in time of war and which that person cannot be required to take under any other enactment.”

It is considered desirable to clarify and enlarge the powers previously conferred by this subsection.