

In addition, the priorities officer may issue general or special orders deemed necessary to meet the supply needs of the forces, or of the dominion.

Permits granting priorities in obtaining supplies or other requirements may then be issued by the priorities officer. Permits may also be issued permitting the production of materials which, by reason of action already taken by the priorities officer, could not otherwise be produced.

Except by virtue of such permits, no person shall produce or transport munitions or supplies contrary to the provisions of the priorities list, or contrary to any order of the priorities officer.

In order that all the industrial and transportation facilities of the dominion may be available when required to meet national needs, the minister may also issue any general or specific order to give effect to the general intent and purpose of the priorities plan. This purpose is that the plan operate completely in mesh with the resources and productive capacity of the dominion.

Under the order, the industrial and transportation facilities of the dominion are generally subject to the rulings of the priorities officer. They may at any time be diverted into the production of wartime supplies.

The needs of the Crown are thus given priority over all private requirements and will take precedence over any contract or agreement. Hence production under private contracts of any kind, completed or uncompleted, may be diverted to wartime needs. Any failure to comply with the rulings is an offence under the Department of Munitions and Supply Act.

Orders may be issued also by the priorities officer in order to give priority over non-essentials to the production of goods essential for the welfare of the civil population, and also to goods required for export. Orders issued by the priorities officer will be immediately effective, but they must later also be approved by the minister.