

Morocco, Corsica, Algeria, and Tunisia. Provision is made for the Minister of Finance to exempt any property, rights, and interests from the provisions of this Order, but in such cases, no transfer of ownership may be made without the permission of this Minister.

12. REGULATIONS RESPECTING CERTAIN PRINCIPLES OF WAR-TIME WAGE POLICY

Order in Council P.C. 7440 of the 16th of December, 1940 (Canada Gazette, p. 2275 of December 28, 1940)

This Order, based on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour, directs the attention of the Boards of Conciliation and Investigation set up under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act to the principles contained in Order in Council P.C. 2685, of the 19th June, 1940, and approves certain principles of wartime wage policy applicable to conditions in industries coming within the preview of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, as extended by P.C. 3495 of the 7th November, 1940.

Under this Order, provincial minimum wage standards are to be regarded as minimum wage standards only; wage rates in each industry are to be stabilized on the basis of wage levels holding in 1926-29, except where it may be shown that such levels were depressed or enhanced due to abnormal prevailing conditions. Provision is made for the payment of a wartime cost-of-living bonus, independent of basic wage rates, for the purpose of protecting the worker against increases in the cost of basic necessities of life. This bonus is to be based on increases or decreases in the cost of living. Provision is made for the maintenance of industrial standards dealing with hours of work, health, and safety, and it is declared that any existing condition of work established by practice or agreement suspended in the interests of war production, shall be restored on the termination of the emergency. Finally it is provided that any agreement negotiated during the war period shall conform to the principles contained in this Order, and in Order in Council P.C. 2685.