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COUNTY OF WEST SUSSEX
Defence of the Realm

ORDER as to LIGHTS made by the Secretary of State, dated the 15th December 1915, which comes into operation on the 10th day of January, 1916.

The Order is made for the protection of the public and their property. Past experience from lights improperly protected has given the enemy information as to the situation of a town and enabled them to effect considerable damage. Unprotected lights may nullify the work of protection undertaken by those who comply with the Order. It is therefore, most important that the Order should be strictly carried out and it will be strictly enforced by the police.

Paragraph 2 – Public Lights.

Public lamps should be in lighting at important street corners and at other points where a light is necessary for the safety of traffic, but the number of lamps in use should be reduced to a minimum and the position should be shaded as required by the Order. If it is necessary to use high power lamps, no low power lamps being available, they should not only be shaded above so as to prevent direct light being visible from the air, but should be obscured below with some semi-opaque medium to diffuse the light and prevent excessive illumination of the ground immediately under the lamp.

Paragraph 3 – Lighting of Shops.

The lighting of shops visible from outside must be reduced to a dull subdued light, and care must be taken that all sources of light are shaded in accordance with the second part of the paragraph so as to cut off not only direct light to the streets, but also light which would be cast upwards through the tops of windows or doors. The public should also note that the shading of the sources of light in the shop is not by itself sufficient if the light cast back from reflectors or objects in the window is sufficient to cast any distinct illumination on the pavement or roadway. If there is no other way of satisfactorily reducing the illumination cast outside, the inside shop blinds must be pulled down. A shop front which is brightly lit, but has a sun-blind pulled down over it, does not comply with the Order.

Paragraph 4 – Lights in Houses.

In hotels, flats, dwelling houses and premises of all description not coming under other provisions of the Order, inside lights must be so shaded or reduced or the windows, skylights and glass doors so screened by shutters or dark blinds or curtains, etc., that no more than a dull subdued light is visible from any direction outside. This applies to all places of worship, places of entertainment, and all private premises in which lights are used at night.

Copies of this circular should be in the hands of all responsible for lights, and can be obtained free of cost from any Police Station in the County. A copy of the Lighting Order can be obtained through any Bookseller at a very small cost.

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Chef Constable's Office,
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