

## NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**Export of Industrial Explosives, Sporting Guns, etc.**

**No. 73.**—It is hereby notified that the Board of Trade announce that the present Open General Licence for the export of cartridges, explosives, double-barrelled guns, etc., has been withdrawn and an Open General Licence has been issued for the export of industrial explosives, smooth-bore guns, and munitions for use therewith, to the following destinations:—

British Possessions and Protectorates.  
 French Possessions and Protectorates.  
 United States of America.  
 South America.  
 Japan and Korea.  
 Asiatic Russia.  
 France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Serbia, Roumania, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

Export permitted under this Open General Licence to certain destinations in Africa is subject to the provisions of Article 6, Chapter II, of the Arms Convention. A summary of the relevant passages of the Arms Convention appears below.

CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL OF THE TRADE IN ARMS  
AND AMMUNITION.

A Convention was signed on the 10th September last by the Allied and Associated Powers, to which all members of the League of Nations are to be asked to subscribe, the main purpose of which is to prevent the dispersal of the quantities of arms and ammunition which are at present accumulated.

In accordance with its terms, signatory Powers are required to prohibit the export of all arms, apparatus, and ammunition capable of being used for warlike purposes to all destinations, and to forbid exportation entirely except to the Government of other signatory Powers.

Furthermore, a Zone is prescribed, in Chapter II of the Convention, comprising:—

1. The whole of the continent of Africa, with the exception of Algeria, Libya, and the Union of South Africa; (within this area are included all islands situated within 100 nautical miles of the coast, together with Princes Island, St. Thomas Island, and the Islands of Annobon and Socotra);
2. Transcaucasia, Persia, Gwadar, the Arabian Peninsula, and such continental parts of Asia as were included in the Turkish Empire on the 4th August, 1919;
3. A maritime zone, including the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Persian Gulf, and the Sea of Oman, and bounded by a line drawn from Cape Guardafui, following the latitude of that cape to its intersection with longitude 57 degrees east of Greenwich, and proceeding thence direct to the eastern frontier of Persia in the Gulf of Oman;

to which exports of all arms and ammunition—for sporting as well as military purposes—is to be prohibited unless under special licence, and throughout which close supervision is to be exercised on the sale and transfer of all arms and ammunition.

The complete text of the Convention (French and English) has been published by the Foreign Office as "Treaty Series No. 12 (1919)"—reference number Cmd. 414, price 3d. per copy, exclusive of postage.

In this connection traders are reminded that the export of arms and ammunition from this country is prohibited except under licence. The terms of a General Licence authorising the exportation of sporting guns and cartridges therefor to certain destinations appear above.