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concerning the transfer of plants and factory branches (Directives for the transfer). As of 20 April 1944.

I have ordered the suspension of all production which is not urgently needed for the continuation of the war and the transfer of labor forces which are thus released for essential war production, in accordance with Article 2 of the Fuehrer Decree concerning the concentration of the war industry of 2 September 1943 (Reich Legal Gazette I, Page 529) in connection with Article 1 of the decree concerning the sale of goods in the wording of 11 December 1942 (Reich Legal Gazette I, Page 686).

I charged the Delegate-General for the transfer of plants, appointed by me, with the carrying-out of these tasks.

The proceedings in regard to the transfers of plants as carried-out by my Delegate-General is regulated by special directives, to the effect that labor forces of plants or branches of suspended plants (transferred plants) are to be transferred to essential productions in other plants (essential plants) by my Delegate-General.

The transfer is ordered by special instructions for transfer.

The instructions for transfer order :

the plant to be transferred

a) to suspend its previous production to the extent specified by the order,

b) to place at disposal for the production of essential plants the plant management, the staff and the organization;

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the essential plant:

- c) to assign the transferred labor forces to the production named in the transfer decision, safeguarding as much as possible the interests of the plants to be transferred.

The economic and the financial problems resulting from transfers will be regulated as follows:

collaboration between plant to be transferred - essential plant.

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2. In case that the labor forces shall be assigned to the production of the essential plant by waiving the independence of the plant to be transferred (transfer by conscription), these labor forces will be conscripted for work in the essential plant by the labor office of the area of the plant to be transferred. The conscription is carried out in accordance with the decree concerning the securing of labor requirements, for tasks of particular importance for the Nation of 13 February 1939 (Reich Legal Gazette I page 206) and the executive decree for the labor conscription of 2 March 1939 (Reich Legal Gazette I page 403).

5. Measures of coercion.

In case that no agreement between the concerned plants is reached within some short time in regard to the details of their collaboration, in spite of the assistance of the armament office concerned, the head of the armament commission who is locally competent for the transferred plant takes a decision, in agreement with the Reich Commissioner for National Defense and with the Gau Economy Office (Department Industry).

If measures of coercion are required, they will be carried out by the competent offices in accordance with the Reich Law concerning mobilization for economic service.

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16. The above directives are in force as of 1 May 1944.

They are also valid in regard to transfers of plants ordered by the Reich Minister for Armament and War Production (Delegate-General for plant transfers) or, by his order, by the Reich Commissioners for National Defense before the date on which these directives for transfers become valid.

The Reich Minister for Armament and War Production
In deputy Prof. Dr. HETTLAGE.

I certify that the above excerpt is a true and literal copy from the Deutscher Reichsanzeiger and Preussischer Staatsanzeiger no. 97, Berlin 27 April 1944, evening,
Nuremberg, 25 February 1948.

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