

LIMITATION ORDER L-144

THE objects of the amendment to Limitation Order L-144, made on October 9, are to simplify and clarify the provisions of the order and to greatly reduce the number of applications to be filed by users of laboratory equipment. Important features of the amended order are:

(1) Restrictions are entirely eliminated on the delivery of:

- (a) any item costing \$50 or more (unless the item is included in List A of the order);
- (b) a quantity of the same item costing \$50 or more;
- (c) a miscellaneous order aggregating \$200 or more.

(2) No filing of Form WPB-1414 is required for any item costing less than \$50.

(3) The filing of Form WPB-1414 under the order is now required only for instruments which are included in List A of the order. Every one, except a distributor, must file for items on List A. No filing is required for items of laboratory equipment not on List A.

(4) List A is reduced by removing several items formerly included and is clarified by using specific names of instruments rather than types, as was done in a few cases on List A of the previous order.

(5) The filing of applications on Form WPB-1414 is not required for accessories and attachments, when purchased separately, even if the instrument with which they are to be used is included in List A.

(6) No application is required for parts or materials to be used for repair and maintenance of existing instruments or for secondhand equipment.

(7) The definition of a distributor is amended to include distributors in the Dominion of Canada. Arrangements have been made with the Department of Munitions and Supply in Canada so that both the distributor and the user of laboratory equipment in Canada will operate in the same way as those in the United States.

(8) When authorization on Form WPB-1414 has been received, certification in accordance with paragraph (d) (2) of L-144 must be sent to the supplier together with authorized preference rating. The authorization copy of Form WPB-1414 should be kept by the applicant and not be sent to the supplier.

(9) Limitation Order L-144, like other limitation orders, does not cover the subject of preference ratings, but the fact should be borne in mind that only the preference ratings assigned by orders listed in Priorities Regulation No. 3, List B Item 21, or a specific preference rating, such as that authorized on PD-1A for a specific item, may be used in the purchase of laboratory equipment as defined in paragraph (a) (1) of amended Order L-144. Blanket MRO Ratings, such as ratings assigned by CMP Regulation No. 5 or 5A, may not be used for the purchase of laboratory equipment.

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MELLON INSTITUTE TECHNOCHEMICAL LECTURES, 1943-1944

A SERIES of lectures on the status and outlook of American chemical and related industries, with particular reference to postwar planning, will be presented by specialists of Mellon Institute of Industrial Research during 1943-44. These discourses, which will be delivered on the Thursdays indicated, in the fourth period throughout both semesters, in the auditorium of the institute, will be open to all students in the professional courses in chemical engineering and chemistry in the University of Pittsburgh, as well as to members of the institute:

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| October | 14, | Dr. E. R. Weidlein, "Postwar Problems of the Chemical Industries." |
| | 21, | Dr. H. J. Rose, "Trends in Fuel Technology." |
| November | 4, | Dr. H. J. Read, "Utilization of Low-Grade Ores." |
| | 18, | Dr. L. A. Carapella, "Light Metals and Alloys." |
| December | 2, | Dr. D. F. Helm, "Powder Metallurgy." |
| | 16, | Dr. G. H. Young, "Protective Coatings." |
| January | 6, | W. L. Glowacki, "Coal Distillation Products." |
| | 13, | Dr. R. L. Wakeman, "Chemical Derivatives of Hydrocarbons." |
| February | 10, | Dr. B. B. Corson, "Catalytic Hydrogenation." |
| | 17, | Dr. L. T. Sanborn, "Utilization of Wood Constituents." |
| March | 2, | Dr. J. A. Sauer, "Aviation Constructional Materials." |
| | 16, | Dr. R. J. Sumner, "Cereal Products." |
| April | 6, | Dr. G. E. Helz, "Food Dehydration." |
| | 20, | Dr. F. R. Holden, "Control of Industrial Health Hazards." |

THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE WELLCOME FOUNDATION

DR. CHARLES H. KELLAWAY, F.R.S., director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Research in Pathology and Medicine, Melbourne, is reported in the *Australian Journal of Science* to have been appointed director-in-chief of the research activities of the Wellcome Foundation.

Dr. Kellaway has been director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute since 1923, and its world-wide reputation is largely the work of his hands. He will take the place of Dr. Wenyon, who was director-in-chief and also acted as director of the Tropical Disease Laboratories of the institution. Under the new arrangements Dr. Kellaway will be director-in-chief and Colonel N. Hamilton Fairley, when he can be released from the army, will direct the Tropical Disease Laboratories. Before the war, the Wellcome Foundation consisted of the Wellcome Research Institution in Euston Road, which housed an excellent historical medical museum and a museum of medical science, and also the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research. In