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NATIONAL SECURITY (EMERGENCY POWERS) ACTS.

*At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the  
thirtieth day of May, 1944.*

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Oldham

Mr. Tuckett.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SUPPLY OF FIREWOOD  
AND COKE.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred by the National Security (Emergency Powers) Acts, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, doth make the following Regulations, that is to say:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Security (Firewood and Coke Supply) Regulations (No. 4).

2. Clause 2 of the National Security (Firewood and Coke Supply) Regulations is amended—

(a) by inserting after the definition of "Inspector" the following definition:—

"'Sell' includes barter or exchange, and also includes deal in agree to sell offer or expose for sale keep or have in possession for sale send forward or receive for sale or on sale or authorize direct cause suffer permit or attempt any such act; and the derivatives of 'Sell' have a corresponding interpretation.";

and

(b) by omitting all words after "any vehicle" in the definition of "Vehicle".

Amendment  
of National  
Security  
(Firewood  
and Coke  
Supply)  
Regulations.  
Definitions.

Place of sale  
of firewood  
and coke.

3. Clause 4 of the National Security (Firewood and Coke Supply) Regulations is amended by substituting for the words "radius to" in paragraph (a) thereof the words "area within."

4. For clause 5 of the National Security (Firewood and Coke Supply) Regulations there shall be substituted the following clauses:—

Firewood  
and coke  
to be sold  
only by  
weight.

"5. (1) No firewood or coke shall be sold except by weight.

(2) A person shall not—

(a) by means of words description or other indication (whether direct or indirect) make any false declaration or statement or wilfully mislead any person as to the weight of any firewood or coke sold or delivered by him; or

(b) (except in accordance with the National Security (Fuel Rationing) Regulations) sell or deliver any firewood or coke short in weight of the quantity ordered or purchased or purported to be sold or delivered.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining whether these Regulations are being contravened any inspector may—

(a) weigh any firewood or coke before or after delivery of the same;

(b) for that purpose enter upon any premises at any reasonable time; and

(c) demand production by the purchaser of any firewood or coke or person to whom the same has been delivered of any ticket or document delivered to such purchaser or person in relation to such firewood or coke.

Firewood  
and coke  
to be sold  
only by  
registered  
fuel  
merchants.

5A. (1) After the thirty-first day of May, 1944, no person shall, without the permission of the Forests Commission, sell any firewood or coke unless he is a fuel merchant registered by the Forests Commission.

(2) The carriage, in the area within which these Regulations apply, of firewood in lengths of 2 feet or under on any vehicle shall be *prima facie* evidence that the driver and any other person in charge of the vehicle is a seller of firewood and that the firewood has been sold or in his possession for sale in that area, but nothing in this sub-clause shall apply to any such driver or person who is, or is an employee acting in the course of his employment of, a registered fuel merchant.

(3) The Forests Commission shall keep a register of fuel merchants and shall cause to be published in the *Government Gazette* the name and address of every fuel merchant who is registered."

And the Honorable Albert Arthur Dunstan, His Majesty's Premier of the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. W. KINSMAN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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