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Factories and Shops Acts.

## DETERMINATION OF THE SHOPS BOARD No. 13 (FUEL AND FODDER—COUNTRY).

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the whole of the State **outside and excepting** the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts and the Order in Council thereunder; such portions of the City of Sandringham as are not included within the said Metropolitan District; the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, and Warrnambool; the town of Newtown and Chilwell; and the boroughs of Eaglehawk and Sebastopol.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts the Wages Board which since 24th December, 1940, has had the power "to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

(a) employed in the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer;

(b) employed carting, cutting, or otherwise preparing firewood for sale or for use in some process, trade, business, or occupation;

(c) employed in connexion with the sale or distribution of wood, coal, or coke;

(d) employed in the process, trade, business or occupation of burning, grinding, grading, or distributing charcoal"—

has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 1st December, 1946, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

### Part 1.—Persons **OTHER THAN** those employed in the process, trade, business or occupation of burning, grinding, grading, or distributing charcoal.

2.			
(a)	IMPROVERS.	(b)	OTHER EMPLOYEES.
	Wages per Week of 44 Hours.		Wages per Week of 44 Hours.
(i) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1947.		(i) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1947.	
		<i>Firewood Saw-mills, Mallee Roots, &amp;c.</i>	
			s. d.
		Benchmen at self-acting benches where not more than two persons are employed, viz., benchman and stacker .. .. .	
			125 0
		Other benchmen .. .. .	
			120 0
		Lumpers .. .. .	
			120 0
		Trolley-men .. .. .	
			120 0
		Skip loaders .. .. .	
			120 0
		Truck loaders of wood 4 feet or over .. .. .	
			120 0
		Wagon or dray loaders .. .. .	
			120 0
		Block stackers .. .. .	
			114 0
		Wood cutters .. .. .	
			125 0
		Carters driving one, two, or three horses .. .. .	
			125 0
		And 6s. extra per week for every additional horse in excess of three.	
		Drivers of motor vehicles having a carrying capacity—	
		(a) not exceeding 25 cwt. .. .. .	
			118 0
		(b) exceeding 25 cwt. but not exceeding 3 tons .. .. .	
			124 0
		(c) exceeding 3 tons .. .. .	
			130 0
		And if a trailer is attached to the vehicle—1s. 6d. per day extra.	
		Persons engaged in raising, digging out, cleaning, trimming, or loading mallee roots on to vehicles .. .. .	
			130 0
		All others .. .. .	
			112 0
		Foreman—If any person employed in any of the above capacities has under his control five or more other workers he shall be regarded as a foreman, and paid 1s. per day above the ordinary rate.	
		<i>Gas Producer Units.</i>	
		The following provisions shall apply to drivers of vehicles fitted with Gas Producer Units:—	
		(i) Driver of a motor vehicle fitted and operated with a charcoal gas producer unit for each day or portion thereof upon which he is called upon to drive such vehicle, 1s. extra.	
		(ii) Such driver for each day or portion thereof upon which he is called upon to clean the hopper and/or final filter of such unit, 1s. extra.	

#### PROPORTION (BY ANY EMPLOYER).

One improver to the first three workers, receiving not less than 113s. per week of 44 hours, and thereafter one additional improver to every ten additional such workers.

IMPROVERS.	OTHER EMPLOYEES—(continued).	
Wages per Week of 44 Hours.	Wages per Week of 44 Hours.	
	<i>Hay, Corn, or Chaff Stores.</i>	
		<i>s. d.</i>
	Storeman in charge .. .. .	123 0
	Carters driving one horse .. .. .	118 0
	Carters driving two horses .. .. .	121 0
	And 3s. extra per week for every additional horse.	
	Drivers of motor vehicles having a carrying capacity—	
	(a) not exceeding 25 cwt. .. .. .	119 0
	(b) exceeding 25 cwt., but not exceeding 3 tons .. .. .	125 0
	(c) exceeding 3 tons .. .. .	131 0
	And if a trailer is attached to a vehicle—1s. 6d. per day extra.	
	All others .. .. .	117 0
	<i>Wood, Coal, or Coke Yards.</i>	
	Carters driving one horse .. .. .	117 0
	Carters driving two horses .. .. .	120 0
	And 3s. extra per week for every additional horse.	
	Drivers of motor vehicles having a carrying capacity—	
	(a) not exceeding 25 cwt. .. .. .	118 0
	(b) exceeding 25 cwt., but not exceeding 3 tons .. .. .	124 0
	(c) exceeding 3 tons .. .. .	130 0
	And if a trailer is attached to a vehicle—1s. 6d. per day extra.	
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	(ii) Such driver for each day or portion thereof upon which he is called upon to clean the hopper and/or final filter of such unit, 1s. extra.	

NOTE.—The Board determines that no person shall be employed as an apprentice.

(II) Thereafter.

The rates shown in sub-clause (b) (1) hereof shall be increased by one shilling.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

3. (i) Except as in this Determination otherwise provided, the ordinary weekly total of hours shall be 44 in number, all to be worked on days other than Sunday.

(ii) Such ordinary weekly total, at the option of the employer, may be spread over five or six days and shall be worked in one period occurring between 7.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturday and between 7.30 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. on other days, subject to the recognized meal hours or intervals and smoke-oh of ten minutes each morning and afternoon, but no other breaks imposed by the employer.

(iii) If a five-day week is worked the ordinary daily total of working hours shall be 8 4/5ths, and if a six-day week is worked such total shall be four on Saturday and eight on any other day.

(iv) Smoke-ohs shall be counted as part of time worked.

OVERTIME, ETC.

4. (a) Except as in this Determination otherwise provided, all time worked in excess of the ordinary weekly or daily hours of work shall be paid at one and a half times the ordinary prescribed rate for the first four hours, and at double the ordinary prescribed rate for the time thereafter.

(b) Horse drivers who, in excess of such weekly or daily total hours of work, are required to spend time in taking charge of teams at the yard, camp, or stable, or in returning teams thereto, shall be paid for such time at the ordinary rate.

(c) If an employee is required by his employer to be for any time anywhere only for the purposes of the employer in respect of the business in which the employee is employed, the employee shall be deemed to be on duty for the employer during such time and shall be paid at the appropriate prescribed rate (if any) for so much of such time as is spent in work, and at the ordinary minimum rate for so much of such time as is not so spent.

Provided that this clause shall not apply to any time spent by an employee in the course of going to or coming from any yard, camp, stable, depot or picking-up place of the employer, or in the course of going to a place of the employer, or in the course of going to a place of work for the purpose of starting work, or in the course of coming therefrom after ceasing work.

(d) Employees recalled to work after the expiration of their customary working time for the day, and after they have left work for the day, shall be paid at the least as for working two hours at one and a half times the prescribed rate.

TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT.

5. (a) Subject to exceptions and limitations hereinafter contained any employer shall have the option of engaging any employee either by the week or casually.

(b) (i) If the engagement is by the week it shall be for a continuous period of at least eight weeks, and thereafter shall be terminable on either side by a week's notice which may be made to expire at any time during a week of the employment. Provided that this clause shall not affect the employer's right to dismiss forthwith at any time an employee because of the latter's incompetence or misconduct, in which case the employee shall be entitled in respect of wages for the then current week's employment only to payment proportionate to the aggregate of time worked by him, and of such other previous time (if any) in that week as to which under this Determination no deduction from his week's wages is allowable.

(ii) An engagement shall be deemed to be and to continue casual unless the employer, at the commencement of the engagement or before any change by him of a casual engagement of the employee to one by the week, expressly notifies the employee that he is to be engaged by the week.

Employees on casual engagement shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter.

(iii) The employer shall have the right to deduct payment for any day upon which the employee cannot be employed usefully because of any strike, or through any breakdown of machinery, or any stoppage of work, or any cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

(iv) No deduction shall be made from the wages of any employee, other than a pieceworker, unavoidably absent through illness for not more than 44 working hours in each year, i.e., 11 hours for each three months' service, commencing 1st December, 1942, provided he has submitted, within 48 hours of the commencement of such absence, satisfactory evidence to the employer or his representative that same was not the result of his own misconduct.

Provided that where, under any scheme of insurance or an accident relief or provident fund to secure the benefit of which the employer has paid the necessary premium, or under any Workers' Compensation Act, compensation becomes payable for any of such days of absence, the employer shall not be bound to pay more of such wage than is sufficient, with such compensation, to make up the full pay for any such days.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (b) (iv) hereof if the full period of sick leave as prescribed is not taken in any year, such portion as is not taken shall be cumulative from year to year up to a period not exceeding 88 working hours, which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year of service without deduction of pay.

For the purposes of this sub-clause service prior to 6th April, 1946, shall be disregarded.

## TIME WAGES.

6. Any person employed in a factory or shop on time wages for less than the number of hours fixed for an ordinary week's work shall be paid, for time worked up to one-half the number of hours fixed, at the ordinary wages rate with an addition of thirty-three and a third per centum. For time worked beyond the 22 hours aforesaid, he shall be paid the ordinary wages rate up to, but not exceeding the rate prescribed by this Determination for an ordinary week's work.

## CONTRACT WORK.

7. No person shall contract or enter into an agreement with any other person or persons to perform any work connected with the preparation of firewood for sale or for use in any trade or business at a lower rate or price than the appropriate wages rate or piecework price prescribed by this Determination.

## SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

8. (a) Except as herein provided otherwise, if an employee is required to work on a holiday or on a Sunday, he shall be paid at double the ordinary prescribed rate.

(b) If a casual employee desires to work on a holiday and with the consent of the employer does so work, he shall be paid therefor at the ordinary prescribed rate.

(c) In the case of any other employee, other than a pieceworker, engaged by the week no deduction shall be made from his wages for the week because of his not working on a holiday.

(d) The expression "holiday" means any of the following days:—Australia Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

## ANNUAL LEAVE.

*Period of Leave.*

9. (a) Except as hereinafter provided a period of fourteen consecutive days' leave shall be allowed annually to an employee after twelve months' continuous service (less the period of annual leave) as an employee in any one or more of the occupations to which this Determination applies.

*Annual Leave Exclusive of Public Holidays.*

(b) Subject to this sub-clause the annual leave prescribed by this clause shall be exclusive of any of the holidays prescribed by clause 8 of this Determination, and if any such holiday falls within an employee's period of annual leave and is observed on a day which in the case of that employee would have been an ordinary working day, there shall be added to that period one working day for each such holiday falling as aforesaid.

Where a holiday falls as aforesaid and the employee fails without reasonable cause proof whereof shall be upon him to attend for work on the working day immediately preceding the first day or at his ordinary starting time on the working day immediately following the last day of the period of his annual leave, he shall not be entitled to be paid for any such holiday.

*Broken Leave.*

(c) The annual leave shall be given and taken in a continuous period or, if the employee and the employer so agree, in two separate periods and not otherwise.

*Calculation of Continuous Service.*

(d) For the purposes of this clause service shall be deemed to be continuous notwithstanding—

(i) any interruption or determination of the employment by the employer if such interruption or determination has been made merely with the intention of avoiding obligations hereunder in respect of leave of absence;

(ii) any absence from work on account of personal sickness or accident or on account of leave lawfully granted by the employer; or

(iii) any absence with reasonable cause proof whereof shall be upon the employee.

In calculating the period of twelve months' continuous service any such absence as aforesaid shall not, except to the extent of not more than fourteen days in a twelve-monthly period in the case of sickness or accident, be taken into account in calculating the period of twelve months' continuous service.

In cases of personal sickness or accident or absence with reasonable cause the employee to become entitled to the benefit of this sub-clause shall inform the employer in writing if practicable within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence of his inability to attend for duty and as far as practicable the nature of the illness injury or cause and the estimated duration of his absence. A notification given by an employee pursuant to clause 5 (b) (iv) shall be accepted as a notification under this sub-clause.

Any absence from work by reason of any cause not being a cause specified in this sub-clause shall not be deemed to break the continuity of service for the purposes of this clause unless the employer during the absence or within fourteen days of the termination of the absence notifies the employee in writing that such absence will be regarded as having broken the continuity of service.

In cases of individual absenteeism such notice shall be given in writing to the employee concerned, but in cases of concerted or collective absenteeism notice may be given to employees by the posting up of a notification in the plant, in the manner in which general notifications to employees are usually made in that plant and by posting to the union whose members have participated in such concerted or collective absenteeism a copy of same not later than the day it is posted up in the plant.

A notice to an individual employee may be given by delivering same to him personally or by posting it to his last recorded address, in which case it shall be deemed to have reached him in due course of post.

*Calculation of Service.*

(e) Service before the date of operation of this Determination shall be taken into consideration for the purpose of calculating annual leave, but an employee shall not be entitled to leave or payment in lieu thereof for any period in respect of which leave or a payment in lieu thereof has been allowed or made under the clause hereby revoked. Provided however that in respect of service before the 1st January, 1946, the annual leave shall be allowed at the rate of 3½ hours for each completed one month of continuous service and in respect of service after that date at the rate of 7½ hours for each completed one month of continuous service. Any broken part of a month served before the 1st January, 1946, shall for the purposes of this clause be deemed to be service after the 1st January, 1946. The period of annual leave to be allowed under this sub-clause shall be calculated to the nearest day, any broken part of a day in the result not exceeding half a day to be disregarded.

Where the employer is a successor or assignee or transmittee of a business if an employee was in the employment of the employer's predecessor at the time when he became such successor or assignee or transmittee the employee in respect of the period during which he was in the service of the predecessor shall for the purpose of this clause be deemed to be in the service of the employer.

*Calculation of Month.*

(f) For the purpose of this clause a month shall be reckoned as commencing with the beginning of the first day of the employment or period of employment in question and as ending at the beginning of the day which in the latest month in question has the same date number as that which the commencing day had in its month and if there be no such day in such subsequent month shall be reckoned as ending at the end of such subsequent month.

*Leave to be Taken.*

(g) The annual leave provided for by this clause shall be allowed and shall be taken and except as provided by sub-clauses (k) and (l) hereof payment shall not be made or accepted in lieu of annual leave.

*Time of Taking Leave.*

(h) Annual leave shall be given at a time fixed by the employer within a period not exceeding three months from the date when the right to annual leave accrued and after not less than two weeks' notice to the employee.

*Leave Allowed Before Due Date.*

(i) An employer may allow annual leave to an employee before the right thereto has accrued due, but where leave is taken in such a case a further period of annual leave shall not commence to accrue until after the expiration of the twelve months in respect of which annual leave had been taken before it accrued.

Where leave has been granted to an employee pursuant to this sub-clause before the right thereto has accrued due and the employee subsequently leaves or is discharged from the service of the employer before completing the twelve months' continuous service in respect of which the leave was granted the employer may for each one complete month of the qualifying period of twelve months not served by the employee deduct from whatever remuneration is payable upon the termination of the employment one-twelfth of the amount of wage paid on account of the annual leave, which amount shall not include any sums paid for any of the holidays prescribed by clause 8 of this Determination.

*Payment for Period of Leave.*

(j) Each employee before going on leave shall be paid two weeks' wages. For the purposes of this sub-clause and sub-clause (k) hereof, wages shall be at the rate prescribed by clause 2 of this Determination for the occupation in which the employee was ordinarily employed immediately prior to the commencement of his leave or the termination of his employment, as the case may be.

*Proportionate Leave on Dismissal.*

(k) If after one month's continuous service in any qualifying twelve-monthly period an employee lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, the employer shall be paid at his ordinary rate of wage for 3½ hours in respect of each completed one month of continuous service before the 1st January, 1946, and for 7½ hours at the same rate in respect of each completed month of continuous service after that date, the service in each case being service in respect of which leave has not been granted hereunder.

*Annual Close Down.*

(l) Where an employer closes down his plant, or a section or sections thereof, for the purposes of allowing annual leave to all or the bulk of the employees in the plant, or section or sections concerned, the following provisions shall apply—

- (i) He may by giving not less than one month's notice of his intention so to do stand off for the duration of the close down all employees in the plant or section or sections concerned, and allow to those who are not then qualified for two full weeks' leave paid, leave on a proportionate basis of one-sixth of a week's leave for each completed month of continuous service.
- (ii) An employee who has then qualified for two full weeks' leave, and has also completed a further month or more of continuous service shall be allowed his leave, and shall also be paid one-sixth of a week's wages in respect of each completed month of continuous service performed since the close of his last twelve-monthly qualifying period.
- (iii) The next twelve-monthly qualifying period for each employee affected by such close down shall commence from the day on which the plant, or section or sections concerned is re-opened for work.
- (iv) If in the first year of his service with an employer an employee is allowed proportionate annual leave under paragraph (i) hereof, and subsequently within such year lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, he shall be entitled to the benefit of sub-clause (k) of this clause subject to adjustment for any proportionate leave which he may have been allowed as aforesaid.

*ALLOWANCES.*

10. (a) An employee shall have the right to elect whether he shall travel each day to and from the job, or camp at such job. Having so elected, he shall be entitled to the special allowance where applicable, as provided in sub-clauses (b) and (c) hereof.

(b) Employees who, in order to be available for their work, have to live in a camp established either by the employer or employees for the purpose of enabling employees to be so available by living therein, shall be paid a camping allowance of 1s. for each day on which they are required to hold themselves, and do hold themselves available in the camp throughout the said day to serve the employer's purpose on that or any other day, whether or not work is done on the said day, but this clause shall not apply to any Sunday, unless the employee is required to work on that Sunday.

(c) An employee who finds it necessary to travel five miles or over to his place of employment shall, unless transport is provided by the employer free of cost to the employee, be paid a travelling allowance of 1s. per day.

*TIME RECORD.*

11. (a) The employer shall keep a record of the names of the employees of such employer, and in respect of each such employee, a record from week to week of the periods, times, and class of work done, and the rates of wage and amounts of wages paid, and shall obtain from week to week the signature of each employee to such record.

(b) The secretary or duly accredited representative of the Federated Fodder and Fuel Trades' Industrial Union authorized in writing to that effect by such secretary shall be allowed, on any day coming two days after a pay day between 10 a.m. and noon, or at such other times as may be agreed upon, to inspect such records so far as may be reasonably necessary to obtain information therefrom relating to any member or members of the said union.

*WET WEATHER PROVISIONS.*

12. (i) (a) In the event of rain being sufficiently heavy to justify a temporary cessation of work, such work shall cease forthwith and during the cessation of work employees shall hold themselves in readiness for work during ordinary working hours, and shall be paid for the actual time of waiting at ordinary time wages rates of pay.

(b) When weather conditions are suitable employees shall resume work immediately.

(ii) If the employer's representative considers the weather justifying the cessation of work is likely to continue for a lengthy period the payment, as set forth in sub-clause (i), may be discontinued, and employees shall not be bound to hold themselves in readiness for a resumption of work.

Provided that, for any day on which an employee is ready and willing to commence work, he shall be entitled to payment as though he had worked for a minimum of four hours.

(iii) The employer shall provide adequate and suitable shelter from the rain for the employee.

(iv) The employer shall provide adequate facilities for the employee to dry off his wet clothes.

*SPECIAL TREATMENT OF INJURED.*

13. The employer, as soon as reasonably possible, shall supply means free of charge to convey to the nearest hospital or doctor any employee so seriously injured that it is not reasonably possible for such employee to travel independently of such conveyance.

*FIRST-AID AND MEDICAL OUTFIT.*

14. The employer shall provide at every main place of employment a first-aid outfit. Such outfit shall consist of at least the following:—Boric acid, iodine, picric acid (bottle solution), 1-in bandages, lint, cotton, triangle bandages, lysol, permanganate of potash, snake-bite scarifier, splints capable of being used in 12-in lengths, and one pair of scissors.

*ACCOMPANYING SICK OR INJURED EMPLOYEES.*

15. No employee suffering from illness or injury sustained on the job shall be permitted to leave the job unless accompanied or assisted by a sufficient number of employees, except in the case of his removal by ambulance, to his home or nearest hospital. All expenses incurred in such patient's removal shall be paid by the employer, and no employee assisting or accompanying an injured or sick person shall lose any wages by so doing.

*PIECE-WORK.*

16. A schedule of piece-work prices (as shown hereunder) to be paid to any person for doing certain kinds of work has been fixed by the Board, and in addition to these prices, when required to do so, pieceworkers shall be paid three pence per ton extra to stack tops, or four pence per ton extra to stack and burn tops.



**Part 2.—Persons employed in the process, trade, business or occupation of burning, grinding, grading, or distributing charcoal.**

17. (a) IMPROVERS.	(b) OTHER EMPLOYEES.
Wages per Week of 44 Hours.	Wages per Week of 44 Hours.
(i) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1947.	(i) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1947.
<div style="text-align: right;">s. d.</div> Under 17 years of age .. .. 66 0 17 years of age .. .. 77 3 18 " " or over .. .. 94 0 19 " " or over—the appropriate rate prescribed under the heading "other employees."	Wood cutters, using axe, power crosscut, circular saw, or other method .. 125 0 Carters driving one, two, or three horses .. .. 125 0 And 6s. extra per week for every additional horse in excess of three. Drivers of motor vehicles having a carrying capacity— (a) not exceeding 25 cwt. .. .. 118 0 (b) exceeding 25 cwt. but not exceeding 3 tons .. .. 124 0 (c) exceeding 3 tons but not exceeding 6 tons .. .. 130 0 (d) Further tonnage—for each complete ton over 5, an extra 1s. per week. And if a trailer is attached to the vehicle—1s. 6d. per day extra.
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PROPORTION (BY ANY EMPLOYER).	Charcoal burning by retorts, metal or brick kilns, or pits—
One improver to the first three workers, receiving not less than 126s. per week of 44 hours and thereafter one additional improver to every ten additional such workers.	(a) Operator in charge of plant .. .. 140 0 (b) All other employees, including persons employed in emptying, bagging, sewing, stacking, or loading .. .. 130 0
NOTE.—The Board determines that no person shall be employed as an apprentice.	Grinding or grading charcoal—
	(a) Attendant in charge of plant— (i) With four or more persons under his supervision .. .. 150 0 (ii) With three or fewer persons under his supervision .. .. 146 0 (b) All other persons, including those engaged in grinding, grading, or bagging charcoal or sewing bags .. .. 140 0

## (ii) Thereafter.

The rates shown in sub-clause (b) (i) hereof shall be increased by one shilling.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.**

18. (i) Except as in this Determination otherwise provided, the ordinary weekly total of hours shall be 44 in number, all to be worked on days other than Sunday.

(ii) (a) Such ordinary weekly total, at the option of the employer, may be spread over five or six days and, except on shift work, shall be worked in one period occurring between 7.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturday and between 7.30 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. on other days, subject to the recognized meal hours or intervals and smoke-oh of ten minutes each morning and afternoon, but no other breaks imposed by the employer.

(b) If a five-day week is worked the ordinary daily total of working hours shall be 8 4/5ths, and if a six-day week is worked such total shall be four on Saturday and eight on any other day.

(iii) The employer may require employees to work such ordinary weekly total on a shift or relay, being one of either two or three shifts or relays worked in the 24 hours, but subject only to the following conditions:—

(a) Each shift shall be worked in one period with no break except for recognized meal intervals and smoke-oh.

(b) In each shift during which the employee does not receive the same amount of time for a meal interval or smoke-oh as that which day workers receive under this Determination he shall be paid at ordinary rates for twenty minutes' crib time and two smoke-ohs of ten minutes each.

(c) Where a shift comprises within its period any time between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. the whole of the time worked during the shift shall be paid for at ordinary rate plus 7½ per cent.

(d) Where practicable, shifts shall be changed in rotation each week.

(iv) Smoke-ohs shall be counted as part of time worked.

**OVERTIME, ETC.**

19. (a) Except as in this Determination otherwise provided, all time worked in excess of the ordinary weekly or daily hours of work shall be paid at one and a half times the ordinary prescribed rate for the first four hours, and at double the ordinary prescribed rate for the time thereafter.

(b) Horse drivers who, in excess of such weekly or daily total hours of work, are required to spend time in taking charge of teams at the yard, camp, or stable, or in returning teams thereto, shall be paid for such time at the ordinary rate.

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(b) (i) If the engagement is by the week it shall be for a continuous period of at least eight weeks, and thereafter shall be terminable on either side by a week's notice which may be made to expire at any time during a week of the employment. Provided that this clause shall not affect the employer's right to dismiss forthwith at any time an employee because of the latter's incompetence or misconduct, in which case the employee shall be entitled in respect of wages for the then current week's employment, only to payment proportionate to the aggregate of time worked by him, and of such other previous time (if any) in that week as to which under this Determination no deduction from his week's wages is allowable.

(ii) An engagement shall be deemed to be and to continue casual unless the employer, at the commencement of the engagement or before any change by him of a casual engagement of the employee to one by the week, expressly notifies the employee that he is to be engaged by the week.

Employees on casual engagement shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter.

(iii) The employer shall have the right to deduct payment for any day upon which the employee cannot be employed usefully because of any strike, or through any breakdown of machinery, or any stoppage of work, or any cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

(iv) No deduction shall be made from the wages of any employee unavoidably absent through illness for not more than 44 working hours in each year, i.e., 11 hours for each three months' service, commencing 1st December, 1941, provided he has submitted, within 48 hours of the commencement of such absence, satisfactory evidence to the employer or his representative that same was not the result of his own misconduct.

Provided that where, under any scheme of insurance or an accident relief or provident fund to secure the benefit of which the employer has paid the necessary premium, or under any Workers' Compensation Act, compensation becomes payable for any of such days of absence, the employer shall not be bound to pay more of such wage than is sufficient, with such compensation, to make up the full pay for any such days.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (b) (iv) hereof if the full period of sick leave as prescribed is not taken in any year, such portion as is not taken shall be cumulative from year to year up to a period not exceeding 88 working hours which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year of service without deduction of pay.

For the purposes of this sub-clause service prior to 6th April, 1946, shall be disregarded.

## SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

21. (a) Except as herein provided otherwise, if an employee is required to work on a holiday or on a Sunday, he shall be paid at double the ordinary prescribed rate.

(b) If a casual employee desires to work on a holiday and with the consent of the employer does so work, he shall be paid therefor at the ordinary prescribed rate.

(c) In the case of any other employee engaged by the week no deduction shall be made from his wages for the week because of his not working on a holiday.

(d) The expression "holiday" means any of the following days:—Australia Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Labour Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

## ANNUAL LEAVE.

*Period of Leave.*

22. (a) Except as hereinafter provided a period of fourteen consecutive days' leave shall be allowed annually to an employee after twelve months' continuous service (less the period of annual leave) as an employee in any one or more of the occupations to which this Determination applies.

*Annual Leave Exclusive of Public Holidays.*

(b) Subject to this sub-clause the annual leave prescribed by this clause shall be exclusive of any of the holidays prescribed by clause 21 of this Determination, and if any such holiday falls within an employee's period of annual leave and is observed on a day which in the case of that employee would have been an ordinary working day, there shall be added to that period one working day for each such holiday falling as aforesaid.

Where a holiday falls as aforesaid and the employee fails without reasonable cause proof whereof shall be upon him to attend for work on the working day immediately preceding the first day or at his ordinary starting time on the working day immediately following the last day of the period of his annual leave, he shall not be entitled to be paid for any such holiday.

*Broken Leave.*

(c) The annual leave shall be given and taken in a continuous period or, if the employee and the employer so agree, in two separate periods and not otherwise.

*Calculation of Continuous Service.*

(d) For the purposes of this clause service shall be deemed to be continuous notwithstanding—

(i) any interruption or determination of the employment by the employer if such interruption or determination has been made merely with the intention of avoiding obligations hereunder in respect of leave of absence;

(ii) any absence from work on account of personal sickness or accident or on account of leave lawfully granted by the employer; or

(iii) any absence with reasonable cause proof whereof shall be upon the employee.

In calculating the period of twelve months' continuous service any such absence as aforesaid shall not, except to the extent of not more than fourteen days in a twelve-monthly period in the case of sickness or accident, be taken into account in calculating the period of twelve months' continuous service.

In cases of personal sickness or accident or absence with reasonable cause the employee to become entitled to the benefit of this sub-clause shall inform the employer in writing if practicable within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence of his inability to attend for duty and as far as practicable the nature of the illness injury or cause and the estimated duration of his absence. A notification given by an employee pursuant to clause 20 (b) (iv) shall be accepted as a notification under this sub-clause.

Any absence from work by reason of any cause not being a cause specified in this sub-clause shall not be deemed to break the continuity of service for the purposes of this clause unless the employer during the absence or within fourteen days of the termination of the absence notifies the employee in writing that such absence will be regarded as having broken the continuity of service.

In cases of individual absenteeism such notice shall be given in writing to the employee concerned, but in cases of concerted or collective absenteeism notice may be given to employees by the posting up of a notification in the plant, in the manner in which general notifications to employees are usually made in that plant and by posting to the union whose members have participated in such concerted or collective absenteeism a copy of same not later than the day it is posted up in the plant.

A notice to an individual employee may be given by delivering same to him personally or by posting it to his last recorded address, in which case it shall be deemed to have reached him in due course of post.

*Calculation of Service.*

(e) Service before the date of operation of this Determination shall be taken into consideration for the purpose of calculating annual leave, but an employee shall not be entitled to leave or payment in lieu thereof for any period in respect of which leave or a payment in lieu thereof has been allowed or made under the clause hereby revoked. Provided however, that in respect of service before the 1st January, 1946, the annual leave shall be allowed at the rate of 3½ hours for each completed one month of continuous service and in respect of service after that date at the rate of 7½ hours for each completed one month of continuous service. Any broken part of a month served before the 1st January, 1946, shall for the purposes of this clause be deemed to be service after the 1st January, 1946. The period of annual leave to be allowed under this sub-clause shall be calculated to the nearest day any broken part of a day in the result not exceeding half a day to be disregarded.

Where the employer is a successor or assignee or transferee of a business if an employee was in the employment of the employer's predecessor at the time when he became such successor or assignee or transferee the employee in respect of the period during which he was in the service of the predecessor shall for the purpose of this clause be deemed to be in the service of the employer.

*Calculation of Month.*

(f) For the purpose of this clause a month shall be reckoned as commencing with the beginning of the first day of the employment or period of employment in question and as ending at the beginning of the day which in the latest month in question has the same date number as that which the commencing day had in its month and if there be no such day in such subsequent month shall be reckoned as ending at the end of such subsequent month.

*Leave to be Taken.*

(g) The annual leave provided for by this clause shall be allowed and shall be taken and except as provided by sub-clauses (k) and (l) hereof payment shall not be made or accepted in lieu of annual leave.

*Time of Taking Leave.*

(h) Annual leave shall be given at a time fixed by the employer within a period not exceeding three months from the date when the right to annual leave accrued and after not less than two weeks' notice to the employee.

*Leave Allowed Before Due Date.*

(i) An employer may allow annual leave to an employee before the right thereto has accrued due, but where leave is taken in such a case a further period of annual leave shall not commence to accrue until after the expiration of the twelve months in respect of which annual leave had been taken before it accrued.

Where leave has been granted to an employee pursuant to this sub-clause before the right thereto has accrued due and the employee subsequently leaves or is discharged from the service of the employer before completing the twelve months' continuous service in respect of which the leave was granted the employer may for each one complete month of the qualifying period of twelve months not served by the employee deduct from whatever remuneration is payable upon the termination of the employment one-twelfth of the amount of wage paid on account of the annual leave, which amount shall not include any sums paid for any of the holidays prescribed by clause 21 of this Determination.

*Payment for Period of Leave.*

(j) Each employee before going on leave shall be paid two weeks' wages. For the purposes of this sub-clause and sub-clause (k) hereof, wages shall be at the rate prescribed by clause 2 of this Determination for the occupation in which the employee was ordinarily employed immediately prior to the commencement of his leave or the termination of his employment, as the case may be. Payment in the case of employees employed on piece or bonus work or any other system of payment by results shall be at time rates.

*Proportionate Leave on Dismissal.*

(k) If after one month's continuous service in any qualifying twelve-monthly period an employee lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, the employee shall be paid at his ordinary rate of wage for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours in respect of each completed one month of continuous service before the 1st January, 1946, and for  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hours at the same rate in respect of each completed month of continuous service after that date, the service in each case being service in respect of which leave has not been granted hereunder.

*Annual Close Down.*

(l) Where an employer closes down his plant, or a section or sections thereof, for the purposes of allowing annual leave to all or the bulk of the employees in the plant, or section or sections concerned, the following provisions shall apply—

- (i) He may by giving not less than one month's notice of his intention so to do stand off for the duration of the close down all employees in the plant or section or sections concerned, and allow to those who are not then qualified for two full weeks' leave, paid leave on a proportionate basis of one-sixth of a week's leave for each completed month of continuous service.
- (ii) An employee who has then qualified for two full weeks' leave, and has also completed a further month or more of continuous service shall be allowed his leave, and shall also be paid one-sixth of a week's wages in respect of each completed month of continuous service performed since the close of his last twelve-monthly qualifying period.
- (iii) The next twelve-monthly qualifying period for each employee affected by such close down shall commence from the day on which the plant, or section or sections concerned is re-opened for work.
- (iv) If in the first year of his service with an employer an employee is allowed proportionate annual leave under paragraph (i) hereof, and subsequently within such year lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, he shall be entitled to the benefit of sub-clause (k) of this clause subject to adjustment for any proportionate leave which he may have been allowed as aforesaid.

**ALLOWANCES.**

23. Employees who, in order to be available for their work, have to live in a camp established either by the employer or employees for the purpose of enabling employees to be so available by living therein, shall be paid a camping allowance of 1s. for each day on which they are required to hold themselves, and do hold themselves available in the camp throughout the said day to serve the employer's purpose on that or any other day, whether or not work is done on the said day, but this clause shall not apply to any Sunday, unless the employee is required to work on that Sunday.

**WASHING FACILITIES.**

24. Each employer shall provide for all the employees suitable washing troughs or other conveniences, which shall be approved by the Secretary for Labour or his Inspector.

**TIME RECORD.**

25. (a) The employer shall keep a record of the names of the employees of such employer, and in respect of each such employee, a record from week to week of the periods, times and class of work done, and the rates of wage and amounts of wages paid, and shall obtain from week to week the signature of each employee to such record.

(b) The secretary or duly accredited representative of the Federated Fodder and Fuel Trades' Industrial Union authorized in writing to that effect by such secretary shall be allowed, on any day coming two days after a pay day between 10 a.m. and noon, or at such other times as may be agreed upon, to inspect such records so far as may be reasonably necessary to obtain information therefrom relating to any member or members of the said union.

**WET WEATHER PROVISIONS.**

26. (i) (a) In the event of rain being sufficiently heavy to justify a temporary cessation of work, such work shall cease forthwith, and during the cessation of work employees shall hold themselves in readiness for work during ordinary working hours, and shall be paid for the actual time of waiting at ordinary time wages rates of pay.

(b) When weather conditions are suitable employees shall resume work immediately.

(ii) If the employer's representative considers the weather justifying the cessation of work is likely to continue for a lengthy period the payment, as set forth in sub-clause (i), may be discontinued, and employees shall not be bound to hold themselves in readiness for a resumption of work.

Provided that, for any day on which an employee is ready and willing to commence work, he shall be entitled to payment as though he had worked for a minimum of four hours.

(iii) The employer shall provide adequate and suitable shelter from the rain for the employee.

(iv) The employer shall provide adequate facilities for the employee to dry off his wet clothes.



## SPECIAL TREATMENT OF INJURED.

27. The employer, as soon as reasonably possible, shall supply means free of charge to convey to the nearest hospital or doctor any employee so seriously injured that it is not reasonably possible for such employee to travel independently of such conveyance.

## FIRST-AID AND MEDICAL OUTFIT.

28. The employer shall provide at every main place of employment a first-aid outfit. Such outfit shall consist of at least the following:—Boracic acid, iodine, picric acid (bottle solution), 1-in. bandages, lint, cotton, triangle bandages, lysol, permanganate of potash, snake-bite scarifier, splints capable of being used in 12-in. lengths, and one pair of scissors.

## SHELTER.

29. The employer shall provide adequate and suitable shelter, with seating accommodation for employees.

## SANITATION.

30. In every camp where the pan system is not in use, the employer shall instal sanitary conveniences, and provide attention thereto. Where no camp is established, practicable and reasonable temporary provision shall be made by the employer.

## ACCOMPANYING SICK OR INJURED EMPLOYEES.

31. No employee suffering from illness or injury sustained on the job shall be permitted to leave the job unless accompanied or assisted by a sufficient number of employees, except in the case of his removal by ambulance, to his home or nearest hospital. All expenses incurred in such patient's removal shall be paid by the employer, and no employee assisting or accompanying an injured or sick person shall lose any wages by so doing.

## CHARCOAL BURNING.

32. (i) The lowest prices to be paid to any person employed burning charcoal from wood which has to be transported not more than half a mile to the retort or kiln in which it is to be burned shall be those prescribed in the following schedule, viz:—

	Price per Ton of Charcoal.	
	(a) Where more than 50 per cent. of the wood used has to be felled.	(b) In circumstances other than (a).
	s. d.	s. d.
Grey box, red box, red gum, or ironbark .. .. .	62 5	57 0
Any other variety of wood .. .. .	67 10	59 8

The above prices shall include all necessary cutting, cartage to the retort or kiln, filling and sewing of bags, and the adequate provision by the employee of food for any horse which is being used in connexion with the work.

(ii) If the wood to be burned is situated more than half a mile from the retort or kiln, 2s. 6d. extra per ton of charcoal shall be paid for each extra half mile or portion thereof.

(iii) The employer shall supply, free of charge, all tools, vehicles, and equipment necessary.

## Part 3.—All persons to whom this Determination applies.

## PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

33. The wages rates set out in clauses 2 and 17 are based upon the following basic wage rates and, pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1934*, the Board hereby determines that such rates and the weekly earnings of pieceworkers shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed by clause 34,

Provided that, where a pieceworker works less than 44 hours in any week, the sum to be added to or subtracted from his earnings shall be varied proportionately.

## Basic Wage.

Place.	Needs Basic Wage Adjustable.	Loading Constant.	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	
Within the area to which this Determination applies .. .. .	5 1 0	6 0	5 7 0	Melbourne

## ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

34. (a) For the purposes of this Determination, the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's 'all items' retail price index numbers" or any like expression means the numbers stated to be such index numbers in any document purporting, and not proved to be wrongly so purporting, to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be signed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Statistician.

(b) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1947, the amounts of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 33.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a May, an August, a November, or a February, the amount of the needs basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method, namely, by multiplying the last published Commonwealth Statistician's "all items" retail price index number by the factor .087 taken to one place of decimals, the resultant whole number being the amount of the basic wage expressed in shillings, but should the decimal number reach .5 or more the basic wage shall be taken to the next higher shilling.

P. A. RANDES, J.P., Chairman.

J. V. WILLOX, Secretary.

Melbourne, 22nd January, 1947.

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