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PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 189.

IMPORTED POTATOES.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Prices Regulation Acts, I, John Francis Waldron, Prices Decontrol Commissioner, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as Prices Regulation Order No. 189.

Definition.

2. In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears—
 - “Imported potatoes” means, in relation to the sale of potatoes, potatoes imported from any source outside the State of Victoria;
 - “One ton” means 2,240 lb. weight;
 - “Primary wholesaler,” in relation to the sale of imported potatoes, means a person who sells by wholesale potatoes which have been imported from another State or elsewhere and which he resells to a secondary wholesaler;
 - “Secondary wholesaler” means, in relation to any sale of imported potatoes, a person who purchases potatoes from a primary wholesaler for the purpose of resale;
 - “Retail trader” means, in relation to the sale of imported potatoes, a person who purchases imported potatoes and sells such potatoes by retail;
 - “Metropolitan area” means all that area comprised within a radius of 20 miles from the General Post Office, Melbourne;
 - “Point of delivery” means, in relation to the sale of imported potatoes, the place at which liability for payment of transport charges in conveying such imported potatoes to his place of business passed to the seller from the person from whom he purchased them.

Maximum Prices—Sales by Wholesale Merchants.

3. I fix and declare the maximum price at which imported potatoes may be sold by wholesale to be—

- (a) by a primary wholesaler—£28 12s. 6d. per ton;
- (b) by a secondary wholesaler—
 - (i) where the seller delivers the potatoes to the purchaser at the seller's store or at the Victoria Market—£30 per ton,
 - (ii) where the seller delivers the potatoes into the buyer's shop—£30 12s. 6d. per ton.

Maximum Prices—Sales by Retail.

4. (1) I fix and declare the maximum price at which imported potatoes may be sold by retail in the metropolitan area to be Four pence per lb.

(2) I fix and declare the maximum price at which imported potatoes may be sold by retail outside the metropolitan area to be the price fixed in the foregoing provisions of this Order for such sale in the metropolitan area, plus the charges properly incurred in transporting such potatoes from the point of delivery to the retailer to such retailer's shop or place of business, but in no case shall such maximum price exceed Four pence halfpenny per lb.

Exhibition of Price Tickets.

5. (1) Every person who has for sale by retail any imported potatoes, the maximum price of which is fixed by or under the provisions of this Order, shall attach to or display with those potatoes a ticket or label setting forth his selling price thereof.

(2) Any ticket or label required by sub-clause (1) of this clause to be attached to or displayed with any potatoes shall be in such a form as to be easily legible to any person inspecting or viewing those potatoes and so as to be properly associated with such potatoes.

Delivery of Invoices.

6. Any person who sells by wholesale any imported potatoes shall deliver with such potatoes an invoice or docket containing the following particulars:—

- (i) Name and address of seller;
- (ii) name and address of purchaser;
- (iii) the date of sale;
- (iv) the point of delivery to the purchaser, the weight of the potatoes sold, number of bags and price per unit of such potatoes; and
- (v) total price of such potatoes.

Records.

7. Any person who sells any imported potatoes shall keep and preserve any invoice or docket received by him in relation to such potatoes and shall keep a record in respect of the purchase of such potatoes showing—

- (i) the name and address of supplier;
- (ii) the date of the invoice or docket received by him in relation to such potatoes;
- (iii) the quantity purchased and the price thereof;
- (iv) the point of delivery; and
- (v) transport costs properly attributable to the transport of such potatoes from the point of delivery to his place of business.

Fixation of Maximum Prices by Notice.

8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price at which potatoes imported from other States or elsewhere which are specified in a notice given in pursuance of this clause may be sold by any person to whom such notice is given to be such price as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1950.

J. F. WALDRON,
Prices Decontrol Commissioner.