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Prices Regulation Acts.

PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 288.

IMPORTED TIMBER—BAL TIC.

**I**N 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. 288.

*Revocation.*

2. (a) Prices Regulation Orders Nos. 63 and 267 insofar as they relate to Baltic timber, are hereby revoked.

(b) Any notices in writing issued prior to this Order which operate to fix maximum prices at which any Baltic timber specified in this Order may be sold by retail and which are in force at the commencement of this Order are hereby revoked.

*Definitions.*

3. In this Order, unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter—

“Baltic Timber” means red or white wood the produce of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the countries adjacent to the Baltic Sea, whether such timber is sawn, split, hewn, or otherwise fashioned and is of any size, shape, kind, grade or quality seasoned or unseasoned, dressed or undressed, processed, manufactured or treated, and in particular includes Milled Floorings, Lining Boards, and Weatherboards.

“Locally Milled Weatherboards” means Weatherboards which have been sawn, dressed, processed, manufactured or treated within the State of Victoria from Baltic timber.

“Metropolitan area” means all that area of Victoria comprised within a radius of 20 miles from the General Post Office at Melbourne.

“By wholesale” used in relation to a sale means a sale by a person who imports Baltic timber and sells it ex wharf.

“By retail” used in relation to a sale means a sale by a person who customarily sells to persons who purchase for use.

*Maximum Prices—Sales by Wholesale.*

4. I fix and declare the maximum price at which any person may sell Baltic timber by wholesale to be such price as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

*Maximum Prices—Sales by Retail.*

5. I fix and declare the maximum prices at which Baltic timber may be sold by retail to be—

- (a) In respect of sales within the Metropolitan area, the prices specified in the Schedule to this Order;
- (b) In respect of sales outside the Metropolitan area the prices specified in the Schedule to this Order plus the cost actually incurred in respect of and properly attributable to the transport of such Baltic timber from the Metropolitan area to the retailer's place of business but in no case shall such cost exceed the current charges of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the transport of the like quantity of timber from the Spencer-street railway station to the railway station nearest to the retailer's place of business.

*Delivery of Invoices.*

6. Any person who sells any Baltic timber by wholesale or by retail shall deliver with that timber an invoice or docket specifying the following particulars:—

- (a) The name and address of the seller;
- (b) The name and address of the buyer;
- (c) The address at which the timber is delivered;
- (d) The date of the sale of that timber;
- (e) A full description of that timber, including size, length, and quantity of each size;
- (f) The price at which each size and quantity is sold.

*Fixation of Maximum Prices by Notice.*

7. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum prices at which any Baltic timber specified in a notice in writing given in pursuance of this clause may be sold by any person to whom such notice is given to be such prices as are fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

*Application.*

8. This Order shall apply only to Baltic timber as herein defined, and shall not be deemed as applicable to Southern or Central European red or white wood, the produce of Austria, Hungary, Roumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and/or the countries adjacent thereto.

*Fixation of Maximum Prices—Other Sizes.*

9. No person shall sell any milled Baltic timber of a size for the sale of which a maximum price is not fixed by or under the provisions of this Order, unless and until he has made a written request to the Commissioner to fix the maximum price at which such timber may be sold, and the Commissioner has fixed the maximum price accordingly.

## THE SCHEDULE.

## MAXIMUM PRICES—SALES BY RETAIL.

Description and Size.							Maximum Price per 100 Lineal Feet.
<i>Milled Floorings.</i>							<i>s. d.</i>
6½"	x	7"	..	..	..	..	139 0
6"	x	7"	..	..	..	..	128 0
5½"	x	7"	..	..	..	..	117 0
5"	x	7"	..	..	..	..	106 0
4½"	x	7"	..	..	..	..	95 0
4"	x	7"	..	..	..	..	84 0
3½"	x	7"	..	..	..	..	73 0
6½"	x	3"	..	..	..	..	123 6
6"	x	3"	..	..	..	..	114 0
5½"	x	3"	..	..	..	..	104 6
5"	x	3"	..	..	..	..	95 0
4½"	x	3"	..	..	..	..	85 6
4"	x	3"	..	..	..	..	76 0
3½"	x	3"	..	..	..	..	66 6
<i>Milled Lining Boards.</i>							
6"	x	1"	..	..	..	..	63 3
4"	x	1"	..	..	..	..	42 3
<i>Milled Weatherboards.</i>							
4 out of 7" x 2½" Square Edge							72 6
4 out of 7" x 2½" Round Edge							73 0
<i>Locally Milled Weatherboards.</i>							
4 out of 7" x 3"							84 9
4 out of 8" x 3"							96 6
4 out of 9" x 3"							108 0

Dated this 24th day of September, 1951.

J. F. WALDRON,  
Prices Decontrol Commissioner.

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