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Prices Regulation Acts.

PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 317.

NEW SEASON'S WASHED POTATOES.

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

Citation.

1. (1) This Order may be cited as Prices Regulation Order No. 317.
- (2) Nothing contained in this Order shall affect the operation of Prices Regulation Orders No. 295 and 296.

Revocation.

2. Prices Regulation Order No. 120 is hereby revoked.

Definitions.

3. In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears:—

“Primary Wholesaler” in relation to the sale of new season's washed potatoes means a person who purchases new season's washed potatoes for the purpose of resale to another wholesaler whose normal business is to sell potatoes by wholesale.

“Secondary Wholesaler” in relation to the sale of new season's washed potatoes means a person who purchases new season's washed potatoes from a primary wholesaler for the purpose of resale.

“Ton” means a long ton of 2,240 lb. or a quantity of fifteen bags of new season's washed potatoes each containing not less than 149 lb. weight or 40 cases each containing not less than 56 lb. weight.

“Lb.” means pound avoirdupois or pounds avoirdupois as the case requires.

“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 new season's washed potatoes, the place at which liability for payment of transport charges in conveying such new season's washed potatoes to his place of business passed to the seller from the person from whom he purchased them.

Sales by Growers.

4. I fix and declare the maximum prices at which new season's washed potatoes may be sold by growers to be—£45 per ton or £1 2s. 6d. per case.

Sales by Primary Wholesalers.

5. (1) I fix and declare the maximum prices at which new season's washed potatoes may be sold by primary wholesalers to secondary wholesalers to be £46 per ton.

(2) Nothing in either clause 6 or 7 of this Order shall apply to sales by primary wholesalers to secondary wholesalers.

Sales by Wholesale—Metropolitan Area.

6. I fix and declare the maximum price at which new season's washed potatoes may be sold by wholesale in the Metropolitan Area to be—

- (a) where the seller delivers the new season's washed potatoes to the purchaser at the seller's store or at the Victoria Market, £47 12s. 6d. per ton;
- (b) where the seller delivers the new season's washed potatoes into the buyer's shop, £48 5s. per ton.

Sales by Wholesale Outside Metropolitan Area.

7. I fix and declare the maximum price at which new season's washed potatoes may be sold by wholesale other than in the Metropolitan Area to be—

- (1) where such new season's washed potatoes have been purchased in the Metropolitan Area the sum of the following:—
 - (a) purchase price paid or payable or an amount calculated at the rate of £46 per ton, whichever is the lesser;
 - (b) cost of rail transport from Cowper-street railway siding to the railway station or siding nearest the purchaser's premises or place of business;
 - (c) a margin—
 - (i) where the seller delivers the new season's washed potatoes to the purchaser at the seller's store or at the railway station or siding nearest the seller's premises or place of business, of £1 12s. 6d. per ton; or
 - (ii) where the seller delivers the new season's washed potatoes into the buyer's shop, of £2 5s. per ton.
- (2) where such new season's washed potatoes have been purchased outside the Metropolitan Area, the sum of the following:—
 - (a) an amount calculated at the rate of £46 per ton less the usual cost of transporting such potatoes by rail from the railway station or siding nearest the purchaser's premises to Cowper-street railway siding, plus the usual cost of transporting such new season's washed potatoes by rail from the railway station or siding nearest the seller's premises to the railway station or siding nearest the purchaser's premises or place of business;
 - (b) a margin—
 - (i) where the seller delivers the new season's washed potatoes to the purchaser at the seller's store or at the railway station or siding nearest the seller's premises or place of business, of £1 12s. 6d. per ton; or
 - (ii) where the seller delivers the new season's washed potatoes into the buyer's shop, of £2 5s. per ton.

Sales by the Case.

8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I fix and declare the maximum price at which new season's washed potatoes may be sold by the case in Victoria to be the maximum price fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order for the sale of 56 lb. of new season's washed potatoes or the maximum price so fixed for the sale of the weight of new season's washed potatoes actually contained in the case, whichever is the lesser.

Sales by the Bag.

9. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I fix and declare the maximum price at which new season's washed potatoes may be sold by the bag in Victoria to be the maximum price fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order for the sale of 149 lb. of new season's washed potatoes or the maximum price so fixed for the sale of the weight of new season's washed potatoes actually contained in the bag, whichever is the lesser.

Maximum Price—Sales by Retail.

10. (1) I fix and declare the maximum price at which new season's washed potatoes may be sold by retail in the Metropolitan Area to be six pence per lb.

(2) I fix and declare the maximum price at which new season's washed 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 new season's washed potatoes from the point of purchase by the retailer to such retailer's shop or place of business, but in no case shall such maximum price exceed six pence half-penny per lb.

Exhibition of Price Tickets.

11. (1) Any person who sells or has for sale by retail new season's washed potatoes shall attach to or display, with those new season's washed potatoes, a ticket or label setting forth the maximum retail selling price fixed by or under the provisions of this Order for the sale by him of those new season's washed potatoes.

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

Delivery of Invoices.

12. Any person who sells by wholesale new season's washed potatoes shall deliver with such new season's washed potatoes an invoice or docket containing the following particulars:—

- (a) name and address of seller;
- (b) name and address of purchaser;
- (c) date of sale;
- (d) the point of delivery to the purchaser, the weight of the new season's washed potatoes sold, number of bags or cases, as the case may be, and the price per unit of such new season's washed potatoes; and
- (e) total price of such new season's washed potatoes.

Records.

13. Any person who sells any new season's washed potatoes shall keep and preserve any invoice or docket received by him in relation to such new season's washed potatoes and shall keep a record in respect of the purchase of such new season's washed potatoes showing:—

- (a) the name and address of supplier;
- (b) the date of the invoice or docket received by him in relation to such new season's washed potatoes;
- (c) the quantity purchased and the price thereof;
- (d) the point of delivery; and
- (e) transport costs properly attributable to the transport of such new season's washed potatoes from the point of delivery to his place of business.

Fixation of Maximum Prices by Notice.

14. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price at which any new season's washed potatoes 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.

J. F. WALDRON,
Prices Commissioner.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1951.

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