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PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 212.

FURNITURE—RETAIL.

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. 212.

Revocation.

2. Prices Regulation Order No. 35 is hereby revoked.

Definition.

3. In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears, "furniture" includes domestic or office furniture, standard lamps, table lamp stands, smokers' stands and sets, fire screens, fire kerbs and sets manufactured of metal, wood or other materials or any combination of metal, wood and other materials; curtains, drapes, and other made-up or manufactured soft furnishings.

Maximum Prices.

4. I fix and declare the maximum price at which furniture may be sold by retail to be the sum of the following:—

- (a) The purchase price paid or payable to the manufacturer of such furniture plus Commonwealth sales tax paid in relation thereto;
- (b) an amount equal to 40 per centum of (a);
- (c) the cost (if any) actually incurred by the supplier of such furniture to the seller by retail for packing and charged by him to that seller;
- (d) where the retail seller has incurred any cost—
 - (i) in transporting such furniture from any place within a radius of 15 miles from the General Post Office, Melbourne, to the premises of that retail seller outside that radius; or

- (ii) in transporting such furniture from any place within a radius of 5 miles from the principal post office of any place in Victoria other than a place within the area defined in sub-paragraph (i) above, to the premises of the retail seller outside that radius; or
- (iii) for insurance charges during transit as aforesaid—
an amount equal to the cost of transport and insurance so incurred;

Provided that where Commonwealth sales tax is payable in relation to any furniture at a rate greater than 10 per centum such sales tax shall, for the purposes of computing the amount referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, be deemed to be payable at the rate of 10 per centum.

5. No amount shall be included for cost of transport or insurance in the computation of any maximum price in pursuance of the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Order unless such amount is recorded by the retail seller in his books of account.

Exhibition of Maximum Prices.

6. (a) Every person who sells furniture by retail shall exhibit in a prominent position in his place of business or if he has more than one place of business, in each of his places of business, a notice or notices, clearly and distinctly setting forth the retail selling price of all such furniture which is from time to time displayed or offered for sale at any such place or places of business.

(b) I hereby approve of the following form for the notice or notices referred to in the last preceding sub-paragraph, that is to say:—

A separate price card or cards specifying the price of each article or suite of furniture so as to clearly and properly associate such price with each article or suite of furniture.

Notice in Writing.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price at which any article or suite of furniture may be sold by retail by any person to whom such notice is given to be such price as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to such person.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1951.

J. F. WALDRON,
Prices Decontrol Commissioner.