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Prices Regulation Acts.
PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 269.

MALLEE ROOTS.

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. 269.

Revocation.

2. Prices Regulation Order No. 235 is hereby revoked.

Definitions and Interpretations.

3. (1) In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears—
 - “Melbourne area” means all that area comprised within a radius of twenty miles from the General Post Office, Melbourne, Victoria;
 - “Ballarat area” means all that area comprised within a radius of five miles from the principal post office at Ballarat, Victoria;
 - “Bendigo area” means all that area comprised within a radius of five miles from the principal post office at Bendigo, Victoria;
 - “Geelong area” means all that area comprised within a radius of five miles from the principal post office at Geelong, Victoria, and includes all that area comprised within a radius of five miles from the principal post office at Queenscliff, Victoria;
 - “By wholesale” means, in relation to any sale of mallee roots, that such sale is—
 - (a) a sale to a person who customarily purchases for resale;
 - (b) a sale to a Commonwealth or State Government Department;
 - (c) a sale to and for the use of an industrial undertaking.
 - “Cwt.” means 112 lb. weight avoirdupois;
 - “Ton” means 2,240 lb. weight avoirdupois;
 - “IB truck” means IB truck of the Victorian Railways.

(2) Where any mallee roots are sold other than by weight, the weight of those mallee roots shall be deemed to be that computed from the volume of those mallee roots by reckoning 1 ton weight as equivalent to 80 cubic feet.

Maximum Prices—Sales by Wholesale in Specified Area.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-clause (2) of this clause, I fix and declare the maximum price at which mallee roots may be sold by wholesale for delivery free by the seller in one of the areas specified in the First Schedule to this Order to be:—

- (a) Where delivered by the seller to one of the areas specified, by rail or otherwise, but not delivered into the purchaser's premises in that area—the price appearing opposite such area in that Schedule;
- (b) Where delivered into the purchaser's premises—the price specified in that Schedule for that area, plus an amount calculated at the rate of 6s. per ton.

(2) Where, in respect of any sale referred to in sub-clause (1) of this clause, railway freight is incurred in transport to any specified area at a rate per ton in excess of—

- (a) £1 7s. 6d. in respect of transport to the Melbourne area;
- (b) £1 7s. 6d. in respect of transport to the Geelong area;
- (c) £1 6s. in respect of transport to the Ballarat area;

the maximum prices fixed shall be increased by an amount equal to half that excess.

Maximum Prices—Sales by Wholesale—Other Parts of Victoria.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I fix and declare the maximum price at which mallee roots may be sold by wholesale by any person for delivery outside any of the areas specified in the First Schedule to this Order to be the price specified in the First Schedule for the Melbourne area less the usual freight (but not in excess of 19s. 3d. per ton) for transporting by rail mallee roots from the railway siding nearest to the premises of the seller to the Windsor railway siding, plus the freight actually incurred in transporting such mallee roots from the railway siding nearest to the premises of the seller to the railway siding nearest to the premises of the purchaser.

Maximum Prices—Sales by Semi-Wholesale.

6. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I fix and declare the maximum price at which mallee roots may be sold by a retail fuel merchant to any other person who sells mallee roots by retail to be the maximum prices for the area concerned by the foregoing provisions of this Order for the sale of mallee roots by wholesale, plus the following amounts:—

- (a) for sales at destination siding in truck lots (i.e., when the contents of the truck have not been weighed for the sale, subsequent to arrival at the destination siding)—
 - (i) in 1B truck lots 10s. per truck lot
 - (ii) in other than 1B truck lots 20s. per truck lot
- (b) for sales at destination rail siding in ton lots—an amount calculated at the rate of 3s. per ton;
- (c) for sales at the vendor retailer's fuel yard—an amount calculated at the rate of 9s. per ton.

Maximum Prices—Sales by Retail—Specified Areas.

7. I fix and declare the maximum price at which mallee roots may be sold by retail in the areas specified in the Second Schedule to this Order to be:—

- (a) Where delivery is made to the purchaser's premises in the area specified—the prices specified opposite such area in that Schedule;
- (b) where delivery is not made to the purchaser's premises in the area specified—the prices specified opposite such area in that Schedule less an amount in each case of 3d. per cwt.:

Provided that, where such mallee roots, at the request of the purchaser, are split or broken to a size not exceeding 9 inches in length, the maximum prices so fixed shall be increased by an amount calculated at the rate of 9d. per cwt.

Maximum Prices—Sales by Retail—Outside Specified Areas.

8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I fix and declare the maximum price at which mallee roots may be sold by retail outside the areas specified in the Second Schedule to be the price calculated by clause 5 of this Order, plus 29s. 8d. per ton.

Fixation of Maximum Prices by Notice.

9. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price at which mallee roots specified in a notice in pursuance of this clause may be sold in Victoria 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.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

| Place of Delivery. | Maximum Wholesale Price. |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Per ton. £ s. d. |
| Geelong area | 3 1 8 |
| Ballarat area | 3 0 2 |
| Bendigo area | 2 19 2 |
| Melbourne area | 3 1 8 |

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

| Area. | Maximum Retail Prices Delivered into the Purchaser's Premises. | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | Sales of Lots not Exceeding 10 cwt. | Sales of Lots Exceeding 10 cwt. |
| | Per cwt. s. d. | Per cwt. s. d. |
| Sales in the Geelong area | 4 10 | 4 7 |
| Sales in the Ballarat area | 4 8 | 4 5 |
| Sales in the Bendigo area | 4 7 | 4 4 |
| | Sales of All Lots. | |
| Sales in the Melbourne area | Per cwt. s. d. 4 11 | |

Dated this 7th day of August, 1951.

J. F. WALDRON,
Prices Decontrol Commissioner.

