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PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 568.

SAWN TIMBER—RETAIL—METROPOLITAN AREA.

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. This Order may be cited as Prices Regulation Order No. 568.

*Revocation.*

2. Prices Regulation Order No. 427 is hereby revoked.

*Application.*

3. This Order shall apply to sales of sawn timber within the metropolitan area.

*Definitions.*

4. In this Order and the Schedules thereto unless the contrary intention appears—

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

“By retail” means a sale by a person who customarily sells to persons who purchase for consumption or use.

“Sawn timber” means and includes scantlings, battens, angle rails, bevel rails, palings, lattice laths, floorings, lining boards, weatherboards, and mouldings, which are seasoned or unseasoned, dressed or undressed obtained from the sawing of logs from trees grown in Australia.

“Air dried” means in relation to any sawn timber that such timber has been dried and that the maximum moisture content of any part thereof does not exceed 20 per centum.

“Kiln dried” and “reconditioned” means, in relation to any sawn timber, that such timber has been dried and that the maximum moisture content of any part thereof does not exceed 14 per centum.

“Unseasoned” means in relation to any sawn timber that such timber is not air dried or kiln dried and reconditioned.

“Dressed” means in relation to the sale of any sawn timber that such timber is moulded or planed to a smooth finished surface on one or more faces or edges as required by the purchaser thereof.

“Ex yard” means in relation to any sawn timber that such timber has been stacked in a properly equipped yard situated in the metropolitan area and that delivery is made from that yard.

“Scantling timber” means, in relation to any sawn timber, that such timber shall be well sawn to the dimensions specified, free from major defects (including heart), but any of the following imperfections shall be permitted on the worst face—

- (a) tight gum veins;
- (b) sound tight knots—diameter not larger than one-third the width of the piece on which they occur;
- (c) unsound knots, knot holes or grub holes—not exceeding one-quarter of the width of the face on which they occur;
- (d) sloping grain—not exceeding 1 in 10;
- (e) end splits—not exceeding 6 inches long;
- (f) gum pockets—not exceeding 12 inches long x  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch width, the widths of gum pockets to be measured radially;
- (g) want and sapwood (including wane)—not exceeding one-eighth of the cross-sectional area of the piece;
- (h) spring not exceeding  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in 12 feet of length;
- (i) decay—slight surface attack only.

“Select grade dressing quality timber” means, in relation to any sawn timber, that such timber shall be sound truewood, quarter sawn except that up to 5 per cent. of the pieces in any parcel may be back sawn, unless otherwise specified, free from major defects, but any of the following imperfections shall be permitted—

- (i) tight gum veins on the best face, individual veins not exceeding  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch wide or 9 inches long, combined lengths not exceeding 6 inches per square foot of face area of the piece;
- (ii) sound intergrown knots on the best face; not larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter, not more than one per square foot;
- (iii) holes on the best face, pin holes  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch and less in diameter—any number; pin holes greater than  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch in diameter—not more than twelve in any 16 square inches of the face of the piece;
- (iv) light brown stain on the best face;
- (v) spring not exceeding  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch per 12 feet.

“Standard grade of merchantable dressing quality timber” means, in relation to any sawn timber, that such timber shall be sound truewood, quarter sawn except that up to 5 per cent. of the pieces in any parcel may be back sawn, free from major defects, but any of the following imperfections shall be permitted—

- (i) tight gum veins on the best face, not wider than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch—any number and length and/or individual veining not exceeding  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch wide and 12 inches long, not more than one per square foot of face area of the piece;
- (ii) sound knots on the best face, not larger than 1 inch in diameter—not more than one per square foot of face area of the piece;
- (iii) holes on the best face; pinholes greater than  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch in diameter—not more than eight in any 4 square inches of the face of the piece;
- (iv) brown stain;
- (v) sapwood on the face of the pieces in timbers rarely attacked by powder post borer.

*Fixation of Maximum Prices and Rates.*

5. (1) I fix and declare the maximum price at which any sawn timber specified in the First Schedule to this Order may be sold by any person by retail in the metropolitan area to be the price specified in that Schedule.

(2) I fix and declare the maximum rate at which any service specified in the Second Schedule to this Order may be supplied by any person to be the rate specified in that Schedule.

Provided that where, apart from what is contained in this proviso, the total value of the timber sold in any one transaction is less than £5, the maximum price at which such timber may be sold shall be the price as ascertained in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Order plus 15 per centum of that price:

Provided further that where payment is made not later than seven days after date of delivery the maximum prices and rates fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order shall, in each case, be subject to a reduction of 2½ per centum thereof.

*Prohibition of the Sale of Sawn Timber or Supply of any Service in Connection therewith Before Application for Price or Rate.*

6. No person shall sell in the metropolitan area any sawn timber for the sale of which a maximum price is not fixed by or under the provisions of this Order, or supply in the metropolitan area any service in connection with the sale of such sawn timber, for supply of which a maximum rate is not fixed by those provisions, unless and until he has made a written request to the Commissioner to fix the maximum price at which such sawn timber may be sold or the maximum rate at which such service may be supplied and the Commissioner has fixed the maximum price or the maximum rate accordingly.

*Delivery of Invoices.*

7. Any person who sells any sawn timber by retail in the Melbourne metropolitan area the maximum price for which is fixed by or under the provisions of this Order 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 purchaser;
- (c) the address at which that timber is delivered;
- (d) the date of the sale of that timber;
- (e) a full description of that timber, including specie, quality or grade, size and length, and particulars as to whether the timber is dressed or undressed;
- (f) the quantity of each species, quality or grade and size and length of that timber;
- (g) full particulars of any service supplied in connection with the sale of that timber, including the rate at which such service is supplied;
- (h) the price at which each specie, quality or grade and size and length is sold;
- (i) particulars of any discounts allowed.

*Fixation of Maximum Prices by Notice—Associations.*

8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price or rate at which any sawn timber specified in a notice in writing given in pursuance of this clause or any service in connection with the sale of that timber so specified may be sold or supplied by any body or association of persons or member of any such body or association of persons to be such price or rate as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that body or association.

*Fixation of Maximum Prices or Rates by Notice—Specified Persons.*

9. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price or rate at which any sawn timber specified in a notice in writing given in pursuance of this clause or any service in

connection with the sale of that timber so specified may be sold or supplied by any person to whom such notice is given to be such price or rate as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.  
MAXIMUM PRICES—SALES BY RETAIL.  
PART I.—HARDWOOD BUILDING SCANTLING—UNSEASONED.  
1½ inch to be charged as 1¼ inch.

End Section (Size in Inches).	Maximum Price Per 100 Super. Feet.
	<i>s. d.</i>
3 and up x 1½ and up .. .. .	104 0
Except 4 and up x 1 .. .. .	111 0
Except 8 and up x 1½ .. .. .	111 0

For sales of lengths over 20 feet the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 3s. per 100 super. feet for each foot in length over 20 feet.

For sales of selected hardwood of any size and length where such selection is specifically requested by the purchaser, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 3s. per 100 super. feet.

PART II.—HARDWOOD—UNSEASONED—BATTENS, ANGLE RAILS, BEVEL RAILS,  
PALINGS, LATTICE LATHS.

Description.	Maximum Price.
	Per 100 lineal feet.
	<i>s. d.</i>
<b>Battens—</b>	
<b>Tilting—</b>	
Two out of 3" x 1½"	21 3
Two out of 3" x 2"	28 6
<b>Others—</b>	
1" x 1"	10 3
1½" x 1"	15 3
2" x 1"	20 0
2" x 1½"	30 3
3" x 1"	30 3
<b>Rails—</b>	
<b>Angle—</b>	
Two out of 4" x 4"	76 3
<b>Bevel—</b>	
Two out of 6" x 2"	57 3
<b>Palings—</b>	Per 100 count.
<b>Sawn—</b>	
3" x 1½" x 4'	52 0
3" x 1½" x 5'	65 0
3" x 1½" x 6'	78 0
4" x 1½" x 4'	69 3
4" x 1½" x 5'	86 9
4" x 1½" x 6'	104 0
5" x 1½" x 4'	86 9
5" x 1½" x 5'	108 3
5" x 1½" x 6'	130 0
6" x 1½" x 4'	104 0
6" x 1½" x 5'	130 0
6" x 1½" x 6'	156 0
<b>Unseasoned Hardwood Laths, 1½" x ½"—</b>	Per 100 lineal feet.
Dressed .. .. .	15 3
Undressed .. .. .	9 9
<b>Air-dried Hardwood Laths, 1½" x ½"—</b>	
Dressed .. .. .	17 9
Undressed .. .. .	12 3
<b>Kiln-dried Hardwood Laths—</b>	
Dressed .. .. .	19 0
Undressed .. .. .	13 6

THE FIRST SCHEDULE—continued.  
PART III.—HARDWOOD—DRESSING QUALITY—SEASONED (QUARTER SAWN  
UNDRESSED).

End Section.	Maximum Price.			
	Kiln-dried.		Air-dried.	
	Standard Grade.	Select Grade.	Standard Grade.	Select Grade.
	Per 100 super. ft.	Per 100 super. ft.	Per 100 super. ft.	Per 100 super. ft.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1" to 1½" thick—				
Up to 6" wide ..	160 6	165 0	140 9	145 3
Over 6" and up to 12" wide ..	166 3	170 9	146 6	150 9
1½" thick—				
Up to 6" wide ..	157 3	161 6	136 3	140 9
Over 6" and up to 12" wide ..	162 9	167 3	141 9	146 6
Over 1½" and up to and including 2" thick—				
Up to 6" wide ..	160 6	165 0	137 3	141 9
Over 6" and up to 12" wide ..	166 3	170 9	143 0	147 6
Over 2" and up to and including 3" thick—				
Up to 6" wide ..	..	..	140 9	145 3
Over 6" and up to 12" wide ..	..	..	146 6	150 9
Over 3" thick—				
Up to 6" wide ..	..	..	145 3	149 9
Over 6" and up to 12" wide ..	..	..	150 9	155 6
Under 1" thick—				
Up to 6" wide ..	179 6	185 6	161 0	166 9
Over 6" and up to 12" wide ..	185 6	191 0	166 9	172 6

For sales of widths over 12 inches the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 3s. 6d. per 100 super. feet for each inch over 12 inches.

For sales of lengths specifically ordered by the purchaser the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 6s. per 100 super. feet.

For sales where lengths in excess of 20 feet are requested by the purchaser the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 3s. per 100 super. feet for each foot by which the length exceeds 20 feet.

For sales of fractional widths, the width shall be supered at the next greater inch.

For sales of fractional lengths, the lengths shall be supered and charged at the next greater foot in length.

For sales of quantities up to 100 super. feet, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 15 per centum thereof.

For sales of quantities over 100 super. feet and up to 200 super. feet, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 10 per centum thereof.

For sales of quantities over 200 super. feet and up to 500 super. feet, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 5 per centum thereof.

For sales of quantities over 500 super. feet and up to 1,000 super. feet, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 2½ per centum thereof.

PART IV.—HARDWOOD MILLED FLOORINGS, LINING BOARDS, AND WEATHERBOARDS.

Description.	Maximum Price.			
	Kiln-dried.		Air-dried.	
	Standard Grade.	Select Grade.	Standard Grade.	Select Grade.
	Per 100 lineal ft.	Per 100 lineal ft.	Per 100 lineal ft.	Per 100 lineal ft.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Milled Floorings—				
2¼" x thicknesses not exceeding 1" T. and G. ..	44 0	45 0	39 3	40 3
3¼" x thicknesses not exceeding 1" T. and G. ..	56 6	58 0	49 9	51 3
4¼" x thicknesses not exceeding 1" T. and G. ..	70 0	72 0	61 9	63 9
5¼" x thicknesses not exceeding 1" T. and G. ..	84 3	86 6	73 9	76 0
Milled Lining Boards—				
3½" x ¾" T. and G. ..	47 0	48 3	42 3	43 9
4¼" x ¾" T. and G. ..	58 9	60 6	52 9	54 9
5¼" x ¾" T. and G. ..	70 3	72 3	63 0	65 6
5¼" x ¾" rebated ..	50 6	51 9	45 0	46 6
Milled Weatherboards—				
Out of 6" x ¾" ..	71 6	73 6	64 6	66 6
Out of 7" x ¾" ..	86 0	88 9	78 0	80 3
Two out of 7" x 1¼" ..	65 6	67 0	58 3	59 9

For sales of lengths specifically ordered by the purchaser, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 2s. per 100 lineal feet.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.  
PART V.—MOULDINGS.

Description.	Size in Inches (before Machining unless otherwise stated).	Maximum Price.
		Per 100 lineal ft.  s. d.
Kiln-dried Hardwood—		
Architraves .. .. .	3 x 2	48 3
Architraves .. .. .	3 x 1	55 0
Architraves .. .. .	4 x 2	60 6
Architraves .. .. .	4 x 1	69 9
Architraves .. .. .	5 x 1	84 0
Parting Bead .. .. .	2	21 6
Staff bead .. .. .	2 1/2 x 1/2	21 6
Staff bead .. .. .	1 1/2 x 3/4	25 3
Staff bead .. .. .	1 1/2 x 5/8	26 9
Fly wire and half round .. .. .	1 1/2 x 3/8	21 6
Fly wire and half round .. .. .	1 1/4 x 1/2	30 0
Glass bead .. .. .	1 1/2	21 6
Cover strip .. .. .	1 1/2 x 3/4	20 0
Cover strip .. .. .	2 x 3/4	23 9
Cover strip .. .. .	2 x 1/2 finish	32 9
Cover strip .. .. .	2 1/2 x 1/2 finish	39 0
Insertion .. .. .	1 x 3/4	21 6
Insertion .. .. .	1 1/4 x 3/4	21 6
Insertion .. .. .	1 1/2 x 1/2	26 9
Ovolo .. .. .	1	23 9
Ovolo .. .. .	1 1/4	35 6
Ovolo .. .. .	1 1/2	41 9
Ovolo .. .. .	2	67 9
Ovolo .. .. .	3 x 2	98 3
Picture rail .. .. .	2 x 1	37 3
Picture rail .. .. .	2 1/2 x 1	46 3
Picture rail .. .. .	3 x 1	55 0
Scotia .. .. .	2 1/2	23 9
Scotia .. .. .	1 1/2	35 6
Scotia .. .. .	1 1/2	41 9
Scotia .. .. .	2	67 9
Quarter round .. .. .	1 1/2	21 6
Quarter round .. .. .	1 1/4	23 9
Quarter round .. .. .	1 1/2	35 6
Quarter round .. .. .	1 1/2	41 9
Quarter round .. .. .	2	67 9
Skirtings .. .. .	6 x 2	84 9
Skirtings .. .. .	6 x 1	98 3
Skirtings .. .. .	7 x 2	99 6
Skirtings .. .. .	7 x 1	116 3
Skirtings .. .. .	8 x 1	131 3
Skirtings .. .. .	9 x 1	146 0
Sash Material—		
Styles .. .. .	2 1/2 x 1 1/4	64 6
Bottom rails .. .. .	4 x 1 1/4	96 3
Meeting rail .. .. .	2 x 1 1/4	54 0
Sash bar .. .. .	1 1/2 x 1	30 0
Window nosing .. .. .	2 x 1 1/4	54 0
Window nosing .. .. .	2 1/2 x 1 1/4	64 6
Window nosing .. .. .	3 x 1 1/2	75 3
Window nosing .. .. .	4 x 1 1/2	96 3

PART VI.—RED GUM.

Section (a) Scantlings—

Lengths (Not Specified).	Maximum Price.
	Per 100 super. feet.  s. d.
5' and under .. .. .	130 9
Above 5' and up to 10' .. .. .	132 9
Above 10' and up to 15' .. .. .	134 9
Above 15' and up to 20' .. .. .	137 0
Above 20' and up to 25' .. .. .	139 9
Above 25' and up to 30' .. .. .	143 9

For sales of specified lengths up to 20 feet, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 6s. per 100 super. feet, and for each foot in length over 20 feet, a further 3s. per 100 super. feet.

For sales of squares 6 in. x 6 in. and over, the maximum prices specified above shall be subject to an increase of 3s. 6d. per 100 super. feet.

THE SCHEDULE—continued.

Section (b) Special Items, Soles and Struts, Sole Plates, and Sawn Droppers—

End Section (Size in Inches).	Length.	Maximum Price.
Soles and Struts—		
3 x 2 .. .. .	One length 2' 6" and two lengths 1' 6" each	Per set. s. d. 4 2½
3 x 2 .. .. .		3 4½
Sole Plates—		
6 x 1½ .. .. .	12"	Each. 1 2½
9 x 1½ .. .. .	9"	1 4½
6 x 1½ .. .. .	9"	0 10½
6 x 2 .. .. .	9"	1 1½
Sawn Droppers—		
2 x 1½ .. .. .	3' 6"	Per 100 pieces. 94 9

PART VII.—PINUS RADIATA.

Section (a) Milled Floorings, Linings, and Weatherboards (Kiln Dried—Select Quality) —

Size.	Maximum Price (Net).
Per 100 lineal feet.	
Milled Floorings—	
3½" x 27/32" .. .. .	44 3
4½" x 27/32" .. .. .	55 0
5½" x 27/32" .. .. .	66 0
Milled Linings—	
3½" x 7/16" .. .. .	39 6
4½" x 7/16" .. .. .	49 3
5½" x 7/16" .. .. .	59 0
5½" x 3/4" .. .. .	44 3
Milled Weatherboards—	
5½" x 9/16" .. .. .	59 0
6½" x 9/16" .. .. .	68 6
Rusticated Milled Weatherboards—	
Ex. 7" x 1" .. .. .	76 0
Ex. 8" x 1" .. .. .	86 9
Ex. 9" x 1" .. .. .	98 0
Ex. 10" x 1" .. .. .	108 6
Ex. 11" x 1" .. .. .	122 9
Ex. 12" x 1" .. .. .	134 3

Section (b) Other than Milled Floorings, Linings, and Weatherboards—

Thickness.	Maximum Price (Net).		
	Unseasoned.	Air-dried.	Kiln-dried.
	Per 100 Super. feet. s. d.	Per 100 Super. feet. s. d.	Per 100 Super. feet. s. d.
1" and under 2" .. .. .	104 3	109 9	112 6
2" and over .. .. .	102 0	107 6	110 3
	Per 100 square feet.	Per 100 square feet.	Per 100 square feet.
3/4" .. .. .	56 3	59 0	60 3
1/2" .. .. .	67 9	70 9	71 9
3/8" .. .. .	79 9	83 0	85 0
1/4" .. .. .	91 6	95 3	97 6

SECOND SCHEDULE.

PART I.—DRESSING ALLOWANCE.

For sales of dressed sawn timber, the maximum price specified in the First Schedule for sales of undressed sawn timber of that kind and size shall be subject to an increase by the addition of a dressing allowance calculated in accordance with the table hereunder—

For the purposes of this Schedule—

- (1) the maximum prices specified in the First Schedule shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be deemed to be specified as maximum prices for undressed sawn timber;
- (2) hardwood, oak, ash, and red gum shall be deemed to be hardwood.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued.*

	Hardwood.	Softwood.	
	Lengths Up to 30 Feet.	Lengths Up to 30 Feet.	Lengths Over 30 Feet and Up to 40 Feet.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Up to 3" x 1", per 100 lineal feet ..	5 6	3 6	5 6
Over 3" x 1", per 100 superface feet, of dressing—			
Up to 200 superface feet of dressing for any one thickness ..	14 9	11 3	14 9
Over 200 superface feet of dressing and up to 400 superface feet of dressing for any one thickness ..	11 3	9 0	11 3
Over 400 superface feet of dressing and up to 1,000 superface feet of dressing for any one thickness ..	9 0	7 0	9 0
Over 1,000 superface feet of dressing for any one thickness ..	4 9	4 9	4 9

Dated this 29th day of July, 1953.

J. F. WALDRON,  
Prices Commissioner.

## Prices Regulation Acts.

## PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 569.

## PETROLEUM AND SHALE PRODUCTS—MOTOR SPIRIT.

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. This Order may be cited as Prices Regulation Order No. 569.

*Revocation.*

2. Prices Regulation Order No. 480 is hereby revoked.

*Definitions.*

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

“Motor spirit” means a liquid petroleum or shale product normally marketed for use as fuel in internal combustion engines with spark ignition, excluding power kerosene, but including such motor spirit blended with distillate from coal products or with alcohol;

“Metropolitan area” includes all that area comprised within a radius of 15 miles from the General Post Office, Melbourne.

*Maximum Price.*

4. I fix and declare the maximum price at which motor spirit may be sold by retail to be—

(a) in the metropolitan area—Three shillings and five pence per gallon;

(b) outside the metropolitan area—the sum of the purchase price paid or payable to the wholesale seller plus Three pence three farthings per gallon. Provided that, where the maximum price so calculated results in a price not exactly divisible by One half-penny the maximum price may be determined at the nearest upward half-penny.

*Fixation of Maximum Prices by Notice.*

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price at which motor spirit 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 Prices Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

Dated this 29th day of July, 1953.

J. F. WALDRON,  
Prices Commissioner.