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RULES UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL SECURITY (EMERGENCY SUPPLIES) REGULATIONS.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the seventh day of September, 1942.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Bailey Mr. Mackrell Sir George Goudie

Mr. Tuckett.

RULES RELATING TO ADDITIONAL POWERS OF THE VICTORIAN EMERGENCY RESERVE STOCKS COMMITTEE AND TO THE CONSTITUTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS THEREOF.

- N pursuance of the powers conferred by the Commonwealth Regulations known as the National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, doth make the following Rules, that is to say:—
- 1. These Rules may be cited as the Victorian Emergency Reserve citation. Stocks Rules (No. 4).
- 2. (1) In these Rules unless inconsistent with the context or Interpretation. subject-matter—
 - "Committee" means the Victorian Emergency Reserve Stocks "Committee".

 Committee.
 - "Earlier Rules" means the Victorian Emergency Reserve Stocks "Earlier Rules (as amended by the Victorian Emergency Reserve Rules".

 Stocks Rules (No. 2)) and the Victorian Emergency Reserve Stocks Rules (No. 3).
 - "Essential commodity" has the same interpretation as in the "Essential Victorian Emergency Reserve Stocks Rules. "Goods".
 - "Goods" means prescribed goods within the meaning of the Commonwealth National Security (Emergency Supplies) Regulations.
 - "Government Gazette" means the Victoria Government Gazette Gazette.
 - "Manufacturer" means any person firm company or association "Manufactures who or which in Victoria manufactures mills processes turer" refines prepares or blends any goods for sale by wholesale for consumption or use in Victoria, and "manufacture" and the derivatives thereof have a corresponding interpretation.

" Metropolitan district".

"Metropolitan district" has the same interpretation as in the Victorian Emergency Reserve Stocks Rules.

" Municipality."

"Municipality" means municipality under the Local Government Act 1928 and includes the city of Geelong.

" Retailer ".

"Retailer" means any person firm company or association who or which in Victoria sells any goods by retail.

" Specified ".
" Supplier ".

"Specified" means specified by a notice given under these Rules.

"Supplier" means any person firm company or association
(whether or not a manufacturer) who or which in Victoria supplies by wholesale any goods to retailers.

Power to Committee to require certain Acts, &c., by notice to manufacturers, suppliers or retailers.

- 3. (1) In addition to and without derogation from the powers conferred on the Committee by the earlier Rules, the Committee may, after a date to be fixed by direction of the Premier of Victoria published in the Government Gazette, from time to time by notice—
 - (a) require manufacturers suppliers or retailers of any specified goods to forward to the Committee within the specified time such returns relating to their businesses as such as are specified;
 - (b) prohibit or limit (whether as to quantity value or otherwise)
 the sale or supply by manufacturers suppliers or retailers
 of any specified goods either to persons generally or to
 specified persons or classes of persons;
 - (c) require manufacturers to continue or to resume, within the limits of the means ordinarily available to them, the manufacture of any specified goods;
 - (d) require manufacturers to discontinue the manufacture of any specified goods;
 - (e) require manufacturers suppliers or retailers to provide within a specified time and thereafter at all times to maintain stocks of any specified goods of such quantities as are specified; or
 - (f) require manufacturers suppliers or retailers to supply specified quantities of any specified goods to any specified persons or classes of persons.
- (2) Any such notice may be made applicable to all or to any class or classes of manufacturers, suppliers or retailers in Victoria or in any part of Victoria or to any individual manufacturer supplier or retailer, and may in its operation be unlimited as to time or limited to some specified period.

As to obligations under carlies Rules and these Rules. (3) Where any such notice applies to any manufacturer supplier or retailer in respect of any essential commodity, the notice shall specify whether the obligations imposed on him by the notice are in addition to or in substitution for his obligations under the earlier Rules in respect of such commodity, and thereupon those obligations shall be construed accordingly.

Power to Committee to apply rules relating to retailers' reserve stooks of essential commodities to retailers in metropolitan area. 4. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions of these Rules, the Committee may by notice require all retailers or any class or classes of retailers or any particular retailer whose business premises are within the metropolitan area or any specified part of the metropolitan area to provide and maintain a reserve stock of all or any specified essential commodities, and thereupon the provisions of the Victorian Emergency Reserve Stocks Rules shall, so far as they relate to the specified essential commodities and with the necessary adaptations, apply to and with respect to every retailer to whom such notice is addressed and to and with respect to the suppliers of such retailer in all respects as if that retailer and those suppliers were retailers and suppliers within the meaning of those Rules.

Means of giving notice.

- 5. Notice for the purposes of the foregoing provisions of these Rules may be given—
 - (a) (in the case of a notice addressed to all or to any class or classes of manufacturers suppliers or retailers in Victoria or in any part of Victoria) by notice published in the Government Gazette; or
 - (b) (in the case of a notice addressed to any particular manufacturer supplier or retailer) by personal service of such notice on him or his manager or agent or by sending such notice addressed to him or his manager or agent by post at any of his places of business.

- 6. (1) The municipal district of every municipality (not being a District officers. municipal district which is comprised in the metropolitan district) shall be a district for the purpose of the provisions of this clause.
- (2) In and for each such district the municipal elerk of the municipality shall be the district officer of the Committee.
- (3) The powers and functions of every such district officer shall
 - (a) to exercise, at such times and to such extent as the Committee directs, supervision over the administration of the earlier Rules and of these Rules in his district;
 - (b) to report at such times and in such manner as the Committee directs upon such administration in his district;
 - (c) to recommend to the Committee, when he considers such exercise necessary or desirable, that any of the powers conferred on the Committee by these Rules should be exercised in or in respect of his district;
 - (d) to exercise in his district such of the said powers as are delegated to him by writing by the Committee either generally or in any particular case; and
 - (e) such other powers and functions as are conferred on him from time to time by the Committee.
- (4) Without limiting or affecting the powers of the Committee with Delegation of respect to delegation under the earlier Rules, the Committee may by Committee's powers to writing delegate to any district officer any of the powers conferred on district officers. it by these Rules (other than this power of delegation) to be exercised by him in his district.

(5) Every such delegation shall be revocable at will and no such delegation shall prevent the exercise of any power or function by the Committee.

And the Honorable Albert Arthur Dunstan, His Majesty's Premier for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. W. KINSMAN, Clerk of the Executive Council.

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