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Prices Regulation Acts.

PRICES REGULATION ORDER No. 506.

POTATOES.

I N 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. 506.

*Revocation.*

2. Prices Regulation Order No. 499 and Prices Regulation Order No. 500 are hereby revoked.

*Definitions.*

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

“Potato Marketing Board” means the Potato Marketing Board constituted under the Marketing of Primary Products Acts 1935 of the State of Victoria.

“Primary wholesaler”, in relation to the sale of potatoes, means a person who purchases 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 potatoes, means a person who purchases 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 potatoes each containing not less than 149 lb. weight.

“By wholesale” means and refers to a sale of potatoes in lots of one bag or more.

“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 General Post Office, Melbourne.

“Point of delivery” means, in relation to the sale of potatoes, the place at which liability for payment of transport charges in conveying such potatoes to his place of business passed to the seller from the person from whom he purchased them.

*Sales by the Potato Marketing Board.*

4. I fix and declare the maximum price at which potatoes may be sold by the Potato Marketing Board to be as follows:—

- (a) At any point of production in Victoria—£26 10s. per ton, less cost of transport from point of production to Cowper-street, Melbourne, or
- (b) at any place other than a point of production in Victoria—£26 10s. per ton, less the cost of transport properly incurred from the point of production to Cowper-street Railway Siding, plus the cost of transport properly incurred from the point of production to the point of delivery.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I fix and declare the maximum price at which potatoes may be sold by wholesale to be as follows:—

(1) For sales in the metropolitan area—

- (a) by primary wholesaler Cowper-street—£26 10s. per ton;
- (b) by secondary wholesaler—
  - (i) where the seller delivers the potatoes to the purchaser at the seller's store or at the Victoria Market—£28 16s. per ton.
  - (ii) where the seller delivers the potatoes into the buyer's shop—£29 8s. 6d. per ton.

(2) For sales outside the metropolitan area—

(a) where such potatoes have been purchased in the metropolitan area, the sum of the following:—

- (i) purchase price paid or payable or an amount calculated at the rate of £26 10s. per ton, whichever is the lesser;
- (ii) cost of rail transport from Cowper-street Railway Siding to the railway station or siding nearest the purchaser's premises or place of business;
- (iii) a margin—
  - (A) where the seller delivers the 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 £2 6s. per ton; or
  - (B) where the seller delivers the potatoes into the buyer's shop, of £2 18s. 6d. per ton;

(b) where such potatoes have been purchased outside the metropolitan area, the sum of the following:—

- (i) An amount calculated at a rate of £26 10s. 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 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;
- (ii) a margin—
  - (A) where the seller delivers the 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 £2 6s. per ton; or
  - (B) where the seller delivers the potatoes into the buyer's shop, of £2 18s. 6d. per ton.

*Maximum Price—Sales by Retail.*

6. (1) I fix and declare the maximum price at which potatoes may be sold by retail in the metropolitan area to be Four pence per lb.

(2) I fix and declare the maximum price at which 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 potatoes from the point of delivery to the retailer to such retailer's shop or place of business, but in no case shall such maximum price exceed Four pence halfpenny per lb.

*Exhibition of Price Tickets.*

7. (1) Any person who sells or has for sale by retail potatoes shall attach to or display with those 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 potatoes.

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

*Delivery of Invoices.*

8. Any person who sells by wholesale potatoes shall deliver with such 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 potatoes sold, number of bags, and price per unit of such potatoes; and
- (e) total price of such potatoes.

*Records.*

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

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

*Fixation of Maximum Prices by Notice.*

10. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum price at which any 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.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1953.

J. F. WALDRON,  
Prices Commissioner.

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