## CANDLES

# The Candles (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1951

## 1951 No. 1989

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The Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 1 and 18 of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941(**a**), as amended by the Defence (Price Control) Regulations, 1945(**b**), (which are continued in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1950(**c**),) hereby order as follows:—

*Scope of Order*

**1.** The maximum prices to be charged in the course of businesses of the following classes, namely, wholesaler and retailer, in respect of common paraffin wax candles (not being coloured or fancy candles) with plain ends intended or designed for household purposes (hereinafter called "goods"), shall be computed in such manner and by reference to such matters as are hereinafter provided.

*Wholesaler*

**2.** The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a wholesaler on a sale of goods shall be the aggregate of—

(*a*) the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid by the first purchaser, and

(*b*) the amount of any quantity allowance allowed on the sale of those goods to him, and

(*c*) an amount equivalent to 8 per cent. of the sum of the amounts included under heads (*a*) and (*b*) of this Article.

*Retailer*

**3.** The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a retailer on a sale of goods shall be the aggregate of—

(*a*) the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid by the first purchaser being a retailer, and

(*b*) the amount of any quantity allowance allowed on the sale of those goods to him, and

(*c*) an amount equivalent to 17½ per cent. of the sum of the amounts included under heads (*a*) and (*b*) of this Article.

*Composite businesses*

**4.** In relation to a business which, in respect of goods, consists of a wholesale branch and a retail branch, the provisions of this Order shall apply to the transfer of goods from the wholesale branch of that business to the retail branch as if that transfer were a sale.

(a) 4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 31. (b) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1613) II, p. 81.
(c) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.

*Rounding*

**5.** On a sale by retail of a quantity of goods of less than 1 lb. the maximum price, calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, shall, if necessary, be rounded up to the nearest ¼d.

*Interpretation and Revocation*

**6.**—(1) In this Order—

"maximum price" means the price, inclusive of all delivery charges, payable before any deduction by way of discount;

"purchase price" means the price, inclusive of all delivery charges, payable after all deductions by way of discount other than cash or settlement discounts not exceeding 2½ per cent.;

"quantity allowance" means, in relation to the sale of any quantity of goods to any class of customer, the difference between the purchase price thereof and the purchase price charged by the same seller to that class of customer for the smallest quantity of those goods, being a difference (whether or not expressed in terms of a discount) due solely to the fact that the customer is buying otherwise than in such smallest quantity.

(2) The Candles (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1951(a), is hereby revoked.

*Citation and Commencement*

**7.** This Order may be cited as the Candles (Maximum Prices) (No. 3) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 26th day of November, 1951.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1951.

*Peter Thorneycroft,*
President of the Board of Trade.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order supersedes the Candles (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1951.

The principal changes are as follows:—

(1) the Order no longer fixes maximum prices for manufacturers; and

(2) wholesalers' and retailers' maximum prices are now to be computed by adding a percentage to the purchase price instead of being based on cash maximum prices as heretofore.

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(a) S.I. 1951 No. 924.