CARPETS

The Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1950

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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**), and by Regulation 4 of those Regulations, hereby order as follows :—

Maximum Prices

1. The maximum prices to be charged in the course of businesses of the following classes, namely, manufacturer in respect of price control group carpets and wholesaler and retailer in respect of carpets, shall be computed in such manner and by reference to such matters as are hereinafter provided.

Price Control Group Carpets

Manufacturer and Wholesaler

2. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a manufacturer or a wholesaler in respect of price control group carpets shall be the appropriate amount specified in Column 3 of the First Schedule hereto.

Carpets other than Price Control Group Carpets

Wholesaler

3.—(1) The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a wholesaler who, in respect of carpets, conducts a regular selling organisation for supplying the retail trade, and who carries, in a warehouse or other storage premises, stocks which are substantial in relation to his turnover, shall in respect of carpets, other than price control group carpets, be—

(i) on a sale otherwise than by retail, the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer by the first purchaser and 12½ per cent. thereof ;

(ii) on a sale by retail, computed in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 as if such wholesaler were a retailer.

(2) The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of any other wholesaler shall in respect of carpets, other than price control group carpets, be computed in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph of this Article, except that for " 12½ per cent." there shall be substituted " 5 per cent.".

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

All carpets. Retailer

*4. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a retailer in respect of carpets shall be the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer or wholesaler by the first purchaser (being a retailer) and 36⅔ per cent. thereof:

Provided that on a sale of price control group carpets the maximum price shall not exceed the appropriate amount specified in Column 4 of the First Schedule hereto.

Composite Businesses

5.—(1) In relation to a business which, in respect of carpets, consists of at least two of the following, namely, a manufacturing branch, a wholesale branch and a retail branch, in relation to which the prescribed conditions are fulfilled, each such branch may be treated as a wholly separate business, and

(i) the maximum price at which carpets may be transferred from such a manufacturing branch shall be computed as though such transfer were a sale;

(ii) the maximum price to be charged in respect of price control group carpets sold by such a wholesale branch shall be the appropriate amount specified in Column 3 of the First Schedule hereto;

(iii) the maximum price to be charged in respect of carpets, other than price control group carpets, sold by such a wholesale branch shall be computed by adding to the wholesale cost either of the following:—

(*a*) an amount which is 12½ per cent. thereof, or

(*b*) an amount which is the prescribed percentage thereof;

(iv) the maximum price to be charged in respect of carpets sold by such a retail branch shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, except that for the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid there shall be substituted the retail cost.

(2) In this Article—

"prescribed conditions" means—

(*a*) that separate records and books of account are being kept in relation to the manufacturing branch, the wholesale branch and the retail branch of the business (as the case may be) including records showing the transfer of carpets from one branch to another branch, and the price at which carpets are so transferred, and

(*b*) that where there is a wholesale branch of the business there is maintained in connection with that branch a warehouse or other storage premises used for carrying stocks of the business which are substantial in relation to the turnover of that branch, and there is conducted in connection with that branch a regular selling organisation for supplying the retail trade, and

(*c*) that a notice in writing, in duplicate, signed by a person competent to do so, stating that the conditions set out in head (*a*) and (where applicable) head (*b*) of this definition have been fulfilled, is forwarded to, and the duplicate of such notice has been returned by, the Secretary of the Central Price Regulation Committee:

Provided that, if, in relation to carpets, a notice in respect of the conditions so set out was so forwarded and the duplicate thereof returned before the date of the coming into operation of this Order, then such notice shall be deemed a compliance with the provisions of this head;

* For new Article 4 substituted by S.I. 1950 No. 1704 *see p. 899 below*.

"wholesale cost" means in relation to a wholesale branch—

(*a*) in respect of carpets purchased from a manufacturer or a wholesaler, the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer by the first purchaser,

(*b*) in respect of carpets transferred to the wholesale branch by the manufacturing branch the purchase price at which such carpets were so transferred;

"retail cost" means in relation to the retail branch—

(*a*) in respect of carpets purchased from a manufacturer or a wholesaler, the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer or wholesaler by the first purchaser, being a retailer,

(*b*) in respect of carpets transferred to the retail branch by the manufacturing branch, the purchase price at which such carpets were so transferred,

(*c*) in respect of carpets, other than price control group carpets, transferred to the retail branch by the wholesale branch (being a branch in which the maximum price chargeable on a sale of carpets by that branch is computed by adding the prescribed percentage to the wholesale cost) the wholesale cost of the wholesale branch together with an amount which is the prescribed percentage thereof,

(*d*) in respect of carpets, other than price control group carpets, transferred to the retail branch by the wholesale branch (not being a branch referred to in head (*c*) of this definition) the wholesale cost of the wholesale branch,

(*e*) in respect of price control group carpets transferred to the retail branch by the wholesale branch, the appropriate amount specified in Column 3 of the First Schedule hereto;

"prescribed percentage" means the percentage which bears to 12½ per cent. the same ratio as the wholesale cost of carpets, other than price control group carpets sold to retailers bears to the aggregate of the wholesale cost of

(*a*) such carpets sold to retailers, and

(*b*) such carpets transferred to the retail branches

during the six-monthly accounting period immediately preceding the day on which such goods were sold or transferred.

Unlabelled carpets

Maximum price

6. Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Order, the appropriate maximum price in respect of the sale by a wholesaler or a retailer of a carpet of a type mentioned in the First Schedule to this Order to which the label referred to in paragraph (1) of Article 10 is not attached, being a carpet which has or has had a warp thread or threads coloured red running through the whole length of the back thereof or from which a warp thread or threads running through the whole length of the back has or have been removed, shall not exceed the appropriate amount specified in that Schedule in relation to a carpet of that type reduced by 5 per cent. thereof.

Discounts

7. The appropriate maximum price in respect of the sale of carpets (otherwise than by retail) shall be reduced by 2½ per cent. thereof in any case in which payment for those carpets is made or tendered before the twentieth day of the calendar month immediately succeeding that in which the carpets were consigned by the seller to or to the order of the buyer.

Delivery charges

8.—(1) If, on any sale of price control group carpets, the seller refuses to deliver the carpets at the premises of or nominated by the buyer (being, in the case of a sale by retail, premises not more than 15 miles from the premises at which the contract was made) the appropriate maximum price shall be reduced by the amount of any delivery charges which would be reasonably incurred in the delivery of the carpets to the premises of or nominated by the buyer.

(2) If, on the sale of carpets by retail, the carpets are under the contract delivered at the premises of or nominated by the customer more than 15 miles from the premises at which the contract was made, the appropriate maximum price shall be increased by the amount of any charges or costs reasonably incurred in the delivery thereof.

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Notice of maximum prices

9. Any person carrying on a business to which this Order applies, in the course of which any carpets of a type mentioned in the First Schedule hereto are offered for sale by retail, shall display in a prominent place in each of his establishments at which such carpets are so offered for sale where it can be easily read by any customer, a notice in the form specified in the Second Schedule hereto and shall, if requested so to do by any customer, show or cause to be shown to him a copy of the said First Schedule.

Interpretation and Revocation

10.—(1) In this Order—

"carpets" means new carpets, rugs, mats, runners, sofa rugs and similar articles, including articles the upper surface of which is made wholly or mainly of wool, mohair, cotton, rayon or jute or of a mixture of any of them, but excluding carpets to which the Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1949(a), applies and articles the upper surface of which is made wholly or mainly of coco, coir, rubber, cork, linoleum, printed felt base, plastic material or the skin of any animal;

"price control group carpets" means carpets described in the First Schedule hereto having a label attached with the words "price control group" together with a code number in accordance with the provisions of the Floor Coverings (Control of Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1947(b), as amended(c), or a licence granted by the Board of Trade thereunder;

"maximum price" means—

(*a*) on a sale by a manufacturer, the price, inclusive of any charges in respect of delivery to the premises of or nominated by the customer, payable after all deductions by way of discount other than cash or settlement discounts not exceeding 2½ per cent.;

* For Article 8A added by S.I. 1950 No. 1704 *see* p. 899 below.

(a) S.I. 1949 (No. 1578) I, p. 2108. (b) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1496) II, p. 396.
(c) S.I. 1948 (No. 2809) II, p. 400.

(*b*) on any other sale, the price, exclusive of any purchase tax paid or payable but inclusive of any charges in respect of delivery to the premises of or nominated by the customer, payable before any deduction by way of discount;

"purchase price" means the price, exclusive of any purchase tax paid or payable but inclusive of delivery charges, payable after all deductions by way of discount other than cash or settlement discounts not exceeding 5 per cent.;

"sofa rugs" means rugs having a length not less than 72 inches and a width not less than 45 inches nor more than 72 inches.

(2) The Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947(**a**), and the Carpets (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1949(**b**), are hereby revoked.

Citation and Commencement

11. This Order may be cited as the Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1950, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of February, 1950.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1950.

Harold Wilson,
President of the Board of Trade.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 607) I, p. 869. (**b**) S.I. 1949 No. 2066.

FIRST SCHEDULE**

(*Note*: *In the calculation of any measurement or size for the purpose of this Schedule, fringes shall be excluded*)

SECTION A.—PIECE GOODS

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3						Column 4					
Item Number	Code Number	Type to which code number generally applicable	Manufacturer's and Wholesaler's maximum price						Retailer's overriding maximum price (exclusive of purchase tax)					
			Per linear yard (and pro rata) of the following widths:—						Per linear yard (and pro rata) of the following widths:—					
			2/4 (½ yard)	5/8 (⅝ yard)	3/4 (¾ yard)	4/4 (1 yard)	5/4 (1¼ yds.)	6/4 (1½ yds.)	2/4 (½ yard)	5/8 (⅝ yard)	3/4 (¾ yard)	4/4 (1 yard)	5/4 (1¼ yds.)	6/4 (1½ yds.)
			s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1	A0	Axminster No. 0 ...	18 7	20 11	23 3	35 4	44 2	53 1	25 5	28 7	31 9	48 3	60 4	72 7
2	A1	,, No. 1 ...	14 3	15 7	17 9	27 0	33 10	40 6	19 6	21 4	24 3	36 11	46 3	55 4
3	A2	,, No. 2 ...	10 2	12 4	14 7	22 2	27 8	33 3	13 11	16 10	19 11	30 4	37 10	45 5
4	A3	,, No. 3 ...	8 8	10 7	12 4	18 11	23 7	28 4	11 10	14 6	16 10	25 10	32 3	38 9
5	W1	Wilton No. 1 Figured ...	20 3	24 6	*28 6	39 6	49 5	59 4	27 8	33 6	*38 11	54 0	67 6	81 1
6	W2	,, No. 2 Figured ...	16 7	20 0	*23 0	32 1	40 4	48 5	22 8	27 4	*31 5	43 10	55 1	66 2
7	W3	,, Two-tone woollen	13 6	16 2	*18 5	26 2	32 9	39 5	18 5	22 1	*25 2	35 9	44 9	53 10
8	W4	,, No. 1 Plain ...	15 5	18 8	21 4	30 0	37 7	45 2	21 1	25 6	29 2	41 0	51 4	61 9
9	W5	,, No. 2 Plain ...	10 9	12 8	14 2	20 6	25 9	30 11	14 8	17 4	19 4	28 0	35 2	42 3
10	W6	,, No. 3 Plain ...	9 5	11 0	12 3	17 11	22 5	27 0	12 10	15 0	16 9	24 6	30 8	36 11
11	W7	,, Two-frame Stair	8 8	9 10	—	—	—	—	11 10	13 5	—	—	—	—
12	T1	Tapestry Plain	7 11	9 2	10 6	14 1	—	20 11	10 10	12 6	14 4	19 3	—	28 7
13	T2	,, No. 4	5 0	5 10	6 8	8 11	—	13 3	6 10	8 0	9 1	12 2	—	18 1
14	T3	,, (Printed Velvet)	7 7	8 10	10 2	13 8	—	20 2	10 4	12 1	13 11	18 8	—	27 7
15	H1	Hair Pile	9 10	11 7	13 3	17 10	22 4	26 10	13 5	15 10	18 1	24 4	30 6	36 8
16	H2	Hair Cord	7 1	8 3	9 6	12 10	16 1	19 3	9 8	11 3	13 0	17 6	22 0	26 4
			40″ width						40″ width					
			s. d.						s. d.					
17	W5	Wilton No. 2 Plain ...	22 10						31 2					
18	H2	Hair Cord	14 4						19 7					

* In a case in which item 5, 6 or 7 is a breadth square (unsewn) the appropriate amounts specified in columns 3 and 4 in respect of a width of 3/4 (¾ yard) shall be increased by 3d. and 4d. respectively.

** For new First Schedule added by S.I. 1950 No. 1704 *see* p. 900 below.

SECTION B.—MADE-UP SQUARES

The maximum price of a made-up square, that is to say, a square made up from piece goods described in Section A of this Schedule, and offered for sale as such a square, is an amount equivalent to the maximum price specified in the said Section A appropriate to the quantity of the piece goods comprised in such square, increased, in the case of a breadth square (bordered) made from the ¾-yard width of piece goods described in item 5, 6 or 7 of the said Section A, by 1s. 3d. for each linear yard of piece goods on a sale by a manufacturer or wholesaler and by 1s. 8d. for each such linear yard on a sale by a retailer.

SECTION C.—SEAMLESS SQUARES AND BROADLOOM

Column 1	Column 2 Description of Carpet		Column 3	Column 4
Item Number	Code Number	Type to which code number generally applicable	Manufacturer's and Wholesaler's maximum price	Retailer's overriding maximum price (exclusive of purchase tax)
			Per square yard (and pro rata)	Per square yard (and pro rata)
			s. d.	s. d.
19	A0	Axminster No. 0 ...	31 10	43 6
20	A1	,, No. 1 ...	24 9	33 10
21	A2	,, No. 2 ...	20 4	27 9
22	A3	,, No. 3 ...	17 5	23 10
23	C0	Chenille Axminster No. 0	34 1	46 7
24	C1	,, ,, No. 1	27 0	36 11
25	C2	,, ,, No. 2	20 11	28 7
26	C3	,, ,, No. 3	17 7	24 0
27	C4	,, ,, No. 4	14 1	19 3
28	W1	Wilton No. 1 Figured ...	40 1	54 9
29	W2	,, No. 2 Figured ...	32 9	44 9
30	W3	,, Two-tone Woollen	26 10	36 8
31	W4	,, No. 1 Plain ...	30 7	41 10
32	W5	,, No. 2 Plain ...	21 1	28 10
33	W6	,, No. 3 Plain ...	18 7	25 5
34	H1	Hair Pile	18 6	25 3
35	H2	Hair Cord	13 5	18 4
			Per seamless square of the undermentioned sizes (expressed in yards)	Per seamless square of the undermentioned sizes (expressed in yards)

			2×2½	2×3	2½×3	2½×3	3×3	3×3½	3×4	3½×4	3½×4½	2×2½	2×3	2½×3	2½×3	3×3	3×3½	3×4	3½×4	3½×4½
			s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
36	T1	Tapestry Plain	76/6	86/10	97/7	106/0	127/0	148/0	169/0	202/0	224/0	104/7	118/8	133/4	144/10	173/7	202/3	231/0	276/1	306/2
37	T2	,, No. 4	49/3	56/4	63/0	67/6	80/6	94/0	108/0	130/0	143/0	67/4	77/0	86/1	92/3	110/0	128/6	147/7	177/8	195/5
38	T3	., (Printed Velvet)	73/9	84/2	94/9	103/0	123/0	143/0	164/0	196/0	207/0	100/9	115/0	129/6	140/9	168/1	195/5	224/2	267/10	282/11

SECTION D.—RUGS AND MATS

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3		Column 4	
	Description of Carpet		Manufacturer's and Wholesaler's maximum price		Retailer's overriding maximum price (exclusive of purchase tax)	
Item Number	Code Number	Type to which code number generally applicable	Rugs (not being sofa rugs), corridor rugs and mats	Sofa Rugs	Rugs (not being sofa rugs), corridor rugs and mats	Sofa Rugs
			Per square foot (and pro rata)	Per square foot (and pro rata)	Per square foot (and pro rata)	Per square foot (and pro rata)
			s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
39	A0	Axminster No. 0 ...	3 8	3 9	5 0	5 1
40	A1	,, No. 1 ...	2 9	2 11	3 9	4 0
41	A2	,, No. 2 ...	2 4	2 5	3 2	3 4
42	A3	,, No. 3 ...	1 11	2 0	2 7	2 9
43	C0	Chenille Axminster No. 0	3 10	3 11	5 3	5 4
44	C1	,, ,, No. 1	3 1	3 3	4 3	4 5
45	C2	,, ,, No. 2	2 6	2 7	3 5	3 6
46	C3	,, ,, No. 3	2 2	2 3	3 0	3 1
47	C4	,, ,, No. 4	1 9	1 10	2 5	2 6
				Per square yard (and pro rata)		Per square yard (and pro rata)
				s. d.		s. d.
48	W1	Wilton No. 1 Figured ...	4 11	40 1	6 9	54 9
49	W2	,, No. 2 Figured ...	3 11	32 9	5 4	44 9
50	W3	,, Two-tone Woollen	3 2	26 10	4 4	36 8
51	W4	,, No. 1 Plain ...	3 8	30 7	5 0	41 10
52	W5	,, No. 2 Plain ...	2 5	21 1	3 4	28 10
53	W6	,, No. 3 Plain ...	2 1	18 7	2 10	25 5
54	H1	Hair Pile	2 4	18 6	3 2	25 3
55	H2	Hair Cord	1 7	13 5	2 2	18 4

			Per rug of the undermentioned sizes:—	s.	d.	Per rug of the undermentioned sizes:—	s.	d.	Per rug of the undermentioned sizes:—	s.	d.	Per rug of the undermentioned sizes:—	s.	d.
56	T1	Tapestry Plain	27″ × 36″	11	0	—			27″ × 36″	15	0	—		
57	T2	Tapestry No. 4	22½″ × 46½″	7	5	45″ × 72″	22	8	22½″ × 46½″	10	2	45″ × 72″	31	0
			25″ × 52″	9	1	54″ × 78″	29	6	25″ × 52″	12	5	54″ × 78″	40	4
			27″ × 58″	10	11	63″ × 90″	39	10	27″ × 58″	14	11	63″ × 90″	54	5
			32″ × 66″	14	10				32″ × 66″	20	3			
			36″ × 72″	18	2				36″ × 72″	24	10			
58	T3	Tapestry (Printed Velvet)	27″ × 54″	15	7	45″ × 72″	34	3	27″ × 54″	21	4	45″ × 72″	46	10
			32″ × 63″	21	3	54″ × 78″	44	6	32″ × 63″	29	0	54″ × 78″	60	10
			36″ × 72″	27	6				36″ × 72″	37	7			

SECOND SCHEDULE

NOTICE

GOODS AND SERVICES (PRICE CONTROL) ACT, 1941.

CARPETS

Overriding maximum prices have been fixed under the above-mentioned Act for certain carpets which are offered for sale in this establishment.

A Schedule containing such prices will, on request, be shown to any customer.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order supersedes the Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, as amended.

The principal changes are as follows :—

(*a*) For price control group carpets, manufacturers' and wholesalers' maximum prices and retailers' overriding maximum prices are increased ; the discount provision for sales by manufacturers to wholesalers has been omitted ; wholesalers' maximum prices are no longer to be computed by adding a margin to the purchase price, but are specified in the First Schedule, and the retailers' permitted margin has been reduced from 40 per cent. to 36⅔ per cent. (i.e. 7s. 4d. in the £).

(*b*) For other carpets, the wholesalers' permitted margin has been reduced from 14.29 per cent. to 12½ per cent. and the retailers' permitted margin from 40 per cent. to 36⅔ per cent.

(*c*) A new definition of "carpets" is provided.