CARPETS

The Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951

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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),) 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

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

All 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 carries, in a warehouse or other storage premises, stocks which are substantial in relation to his turnover, shall—

(i) on a sale otherwise than by retail, be the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer by the first purchaser and 12½ 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 3 of the First Schedule hereto;

(ii) on a sale by retail, be 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 be computed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) 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.
(c) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.

Retailer

4. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a retailer shall—

(i) in respect of price control group carpets, be the appropriate amount specified in column 4 of the First Schedule hereto ;

(ii) in respect of carpets other than price control group carpets, be the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer or wholesaler by the first purchaser (being a retailer) and 33⅓ per cent. thereof.

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 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:

Provided that the maximum price to be charged in respect of price control group carpets sold by such a wholesale branch shall not exceed the appropriate amount specified in column 3 of the First Schedule hereto ;

(iii) 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, in respect of carpets other than price control group carpets, 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;

"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 a retail branch—

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

(*b*) in respect of carpets, other than price control group 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;

"prescribed percentage" means the percentage which bears to 12½ per cent. the same ratio as the wholesale cost of 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 11 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.

Rounding

9. On a sale of carpets by retail the maximum price computed in accordance with the appropriate foregoing provisions of this Order shall be rounded to the nearest penny above it.

Notice of maximum prices

10. 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

11.—(1) In this Order—

"carpets" means new carpets, rugs, mats, runners and similar articles, including articles the upper surface of which is made wholly or mainly of wool, mohair, cotton, rayon or jute or a mixture of any of them, but excluding—

(*a*) carpets to which the Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951(a), applies;

(*b*) articles made wholly or mainly of coco, coir, rubber, cork, linoleum, printed felt base, plastic material or the skin of any animal; and

(*c*) carpets being sold to the United Kingdom Exchange Service;

(a) S.I. 1951 No. 448, p. 886 below.

"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(a), as amended(b), 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 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.;

(*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 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.

(2) The Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1950(c), the Carpets (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1950(d), and the Carpets (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1951(e), are hereby revoked.

Citation and Commencement

12. This Order may be cited as the Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 26th day of September, 1951.

Dated this 14th day of September, 1951.

J. Chuter Ede,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State in the absence of the President of the Board of Trade.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1496) II, p. 396. (b) S.I. 1951 No. 129, *see* Vol. III, p. 56.
(c) S.I. 1950 (No. 97) I, p. 889. (d) S.I. 1950 (No. 1704) I, p. 899.
(e) S.I. 1951 No. 312.

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 Description of Carpet		Column 3						Column 4					
Item Number	Code Number	Type to which code number generally applicable	Manufacturer's maximum price and Wholesaler's overriding maximum price						Retailer's 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 ...	23 4	29 1	33 3	46 7	58 3	69 11	32 0	39 11	45 7	63 10	79 10	95 9
2	A1	„ No. 1 ...	18 0	22 6	25 8	35 11	44 11	53 11	24 4	30 5	34 8	48 7	60 9	72 10
3	A2	„ No. 2 ...	14 9	18 5	21 1	29 6	36 11	44 3	19 11	24 11	28 6	39 10	49 10	59 9
4	A3	„ No. 3 ...	13 7	17 0	19 5	27 2	34 0	40 9	18 5	23 0	26 3	36 9	45 11	55 1
5	W0A	Wilton No. 0 Figured or No. 00 Plain	35 3	44 1	*50 4	70 6	88 2	105 9	49 1	61 5	*70 1	98 2	122 9	147 3
6	W1	Wilton No. 1 Figured or No. 0 Plain	29 2	36 5	*41 7	58 3	72 9	87 5	40 0	49 11	*57 0	79 10	99 9	119 9
7	W1A	Wilton No. 1A Figured or No. 0A Plain ...	25 5	31 9	*36 4	50 10	63 7	76 3	35 2	43 11	*50 2	70 3	87 10	105 4
8	W2	Wilton No. 2 Figured ...	23 0	28 9	*32 10	46 0	57 6	69 0	31 7	39 5	*45 0	63 1	78 10	94 7
9	W3	Wilton Two-tone Woollen	18 5	23 0	*26 3	36 9	45 11	55 2	25 3	31 6	*36 0	50 5	63 0	75 7
10	W4	Wilton No. 1 Plain ...	22 4	27 11	31 11	44 8	55 10	67 0	30 5	38 0	43 5	60 10	76 0	91 2
11	W4A	Wilton No. 1A Plain ...	19 2	23 11	27 4	38 3	47 10	57 5	26 1	32 7	37 3	52 1	65 1	78 2
12	W5	Wilton No. 2 Plain ...	14 7	18 3	20 10	29 2	36 6	43 9	19 10	24 10	28 4	39 8	49 8	59 6
13	W6	Wilton No. 3 Plain ...	12 7	15 9	18 0	25 2	31 5	37 9	17 2	21 5	24 6	34 3	42 9	51 4
14	W7	Wilton Two-frame Stair	11 7	14 6	16 6	—	—	—	15 9	19 7	22 6	—	—	—
15	T1	Tapestry Plain	10 9	13 5	15 4	21 6	26 11	32 3	14 4	17 11	20 6	28 8	35 11	43 0
16	T2	„ No. 4	6 5	8 0	9 1	12 9	15 11	19 2	8 7	10 8	12 2	17 0	21 3	25 7
17	T3	„ (Printed Velvet)	10 10	13 6	15 5	21 7	27 0	32 5	14 6	18 0	20 7	28 10	36 0	43 3

18	H1	Hair Pile	...	12	1	15	1	17	3	24	2	30	3	36	3	16	2	20	2	23	0	32	3	40	4	48	4
19	H2	Hair Cord	...	8	8	10	9	12	4	17	3	21	7	25	11	11	7	14	4	16	6	23	0	28	10	34	7
								40″ width												40″ width							
								s.	d.											s.	d.						
20	W5	Wilton No. 2 Plain	...					31	4											42	8						
21	H2	Hair Cord ...	...					18	7											24	10						

* In a case in which item 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 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.

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, 7, 8 or 9 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 maximum price and Wholesaler's overriding maximum price	Retailer's maximum price (exclusive of purchase tax)
			Per square yard (and pro rata) s. d.	Per square yard (and pro rata) s. d.
22	A0	Axminster No. 0 ...	46 7	63 10
23	A1	,, No. 1 ...	35 11	48 7
24	A2	,, No. 2 ...	29 6	39 10
25	A3	,, No. 3 ...	27 2	36 9
26	C0	Chenille Axminster No. 0	49 3	66 7
27	C1	,, ,, No. 1	36 5	49 3
28	C1A	,, ,, No. 1A	29 9	41 1
29	C2	,, ,, No. 2	28 3	38 2
30	C3	,, ,, No. 3	23 9	32 1
31	C4	,, ,, No. 4	19 1	25 10
32	W0A	Wilton No. 0 Figured or No. 00 Plain	70 6	98 2
33	W1	Wilton No. 1 Figured or No. 0 Plain	58 3	79 10
34	W1A	Wilton No. 1A Figured or No. 0A Plain ...	50 10	70 3
35	W2	Wilton No. 2 Figured ...	46 0	63 1
36	W3	Wilton Two-tone Woollen	36 9	50 5
37	W4	Wilton No. 1 Plain ...	44 8	60 10
38	W4A	Wilton No. 1A Plain ...	38 3	52 1
39	W5	Wilton No. 2 Plain ...	29 2	39 8
40	W6	Wilton No. 3 Plain ...	25 2	34 3
41	T1	Tapestry Plain	20 11	27 11
42	T2	,, No. 4	12 7	16 10
43	T3	,, (Printed Velvet)	21 1	28 2
44	H1	Hair Pile	24 2	32 3
45	H2	Hair Cord	17 3	23 0

SECTION D.—RUGS AND MATS

Column 1	Column 2 Description of Carpet		Column 3	Column 4
Item Number	Code Number	Type to which code number generally applicable	Manufacturer's maximum price and Wholesaler's overriding maximum price	Retailer's maximum price (exclusive of purchase tax)
			Per square foot (and pro rata)	Per square foot (and pro rata)
			s. d.	s. d.
46	A0	Axminster No. 0 ...	5 1	7 0
47	A1	,, No. 1 ...	4 0	5 5
48	A2	,, No. 2 ...	3 3	4 5
49	A3	,, No. 3 ...	3 1	4 2
50	C0	Chenille Axminster No. 0	5 8	7 8
51	C1	,, ,, No. 1	4 3	5 9
52	C1A	,, ,, No. 1A	3 6	4 10
53	C2	,, ,, No. 2	3 4	4 6
54	C3	,, ,, No. 3	2 10	3 10
55	C4	,, ,, No. 4	2 3	3 1
56	W0A	Wilton No. 0 Figured or No. 00 Plain	7 9	10 10
57	W1	Wilton No. 1 Figured or No. 0 Plain	6 6	8 11
58	W1A	Wilton No. 1A Figured or No. 0A Plain ...	5 9	7 11
59	W2	Wilton No. 2 Figured ...	5 2	7 1
60	W3	,, Two-tone Woollen	4 3	5 10
61	W4	,, No. 1 Plain ...	5 1	6 11
62	W4A	,, No. 1A Plain ...	4 5	6 0
63	W5	,, No. 2 Plain ...	3 5	4 8
64	W6	,, No. 3 Plain ...	3 0	4 1
65	T1	Tapestry Plain	2 4	3 2
66	T2	,, No. 4	1 5	1 11
67	T3	,, (Printed Velvet)	2 5	3 3
68	H1	Hair Pile	2 9	3 8
69	H2	Hair Cord	2 0	2 8

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, 1950, as amended.

The principal changes are as follows:—

Price Control Group Carpets

(1) maximum prices on sales by wholesalers, which have hitherto been computed solely by reference to the amounts in the First Schedule, are now to be computed by adding to the purchase price a percentage of that price subject to the overriding maximum prices specified in that Schedule;

(2) maximum prices on sales by retailers, which have hitherto been computed by adding to the purchase price a percentage of that price subject to overriding maximum prices, are now to be computed solely by reference to the amounts specified in the First Schedule;

(3) with the exception of tapestry and hair carpets the maximum prices for which remain unchanged, manufacturers' maximum prices are reduced, wholesalers' overriding maximum prices are lower than the previous corresponding maximum prices, and retailers' maximum prices are lower than the previous corresponding overriding maximum prices; and

(4) maximum prices and overriding maximum prices are now provided for a new width of Wilton carpet (code number W.7);

All carpets

Carpets sold to the United Kingdom Exchange Service are no longer subject to price control.

The Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951

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