the said check", there shall be substituted the words "an amount equal to such part of the charges in connection with the said check as exceeds the value thereof".

2. This Order may be cited as the Control of Check Trading (Amendment) Order, 1949, and shall come into operation on the 29th day of November, 1949.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 1949.

John Edwards,
Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Control of Check Trading Order, 1948, by modifying one of the requirements subject to which a check trader may make a charge additional to the value of the check. The modification is, that, where an additional charge of less than 5 per cent. is made, the agreement shall provide for a refund of that lesser amount instead of 5 per cent. to a customer who attends at the check trader's office and pays each instalment within two days of the due date, or sends it by post so that it is received within two days of that date.

(8) COAL

(i) *Distribution.* | (ii) *Mining*, p. 224.

(i) DISTRIBUTION

The Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1949

1949 No. 300

Made - - - -	*24th February*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	*26th February*, 1949
Coming into Operation	*7th March*, 1949

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in pursuance of Regulations fifty-five and ninety-eight of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(a), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(b), hereby makes the following order :—

Amendment of Coal Distribution Order, 1943.

1. The Coal Distribution Order, 1943(c), as amended, shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in this order.

As to article 30.

2. In paragraph (3) of article thirty (which relates to action by a Local Fuel Overseer on an application for variation for specified reasons of an entry in the Controlled Premises Register) the words "or, if applicable, may apply the provisions of Article 31 of this Order to the case" shall cease to have effect.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10 ; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1618 and 1625) II, pp. 48 and 56.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1138) II, p. 378.

3. The following article shall be substituted for article thirty-one (which provides for a change of licensed merchant in relation to any controlled premises by the Local Fuel Overseer to secure economical distribution of coal) :— As to article 31.

"Change of licensed merchant on application during limited period.

31.—(1) If during the period beginning on the seventh and ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the occupier of any controlled premises applies in writing to the Local Fuel Overseer for the registration of those premises to be varied by the substitution for the name of the licensed merchant for the time being authorised to furnish supplies of coal in relation to them (in this article in relation to any such application referred to as "the previous merchant") of the name of another licensed merchant whose name appears in the Licensed Merchants Register for that district (in this article in relation to any such application referred to as "the new merchant") and the written consent of the new merchant to the proposed variation is attached to the application, the provisions of this article shall have effect.

(2) The Local Fuel Overseer shall vary the Controlled Premises Register by deleting the name of the previous merchant, and entering the name of the new merchant, as the licensed merchant for the time being authorised to furnish supplies of coal in relation to the premises mentioned in the application; and shall notify the applicant, the previous merchant and the new merchant in writing accordingly.

(3) The said variation shall be made to take effect on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, or, in the case of any premises for which an allocation of coal has been made for a specified period beginning before and ending after that date, on the day following the end of the said period.

(4) Article fifty-five (which provides that any person aggrieved by any act, decision or omission of a Local Fuel Overseer, other than in respect of certain matters there specified, may appeal therefrom to the Regional Coal Officer) shall not apply to anything done in pursuance of this article."

4. This order shall come into operation on the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1949. Commencement and citation.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of this order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This order amends the Coal Distribution Order, 1943, so as to enable an occupier of controlled premises to change his licensed merchant without giving reasons, provided he applies to the Local Fuel Overseer between 7th and 31st March, 1949.

The Local Fuel Overseer is required to give effect to the change from 1st May, 1949, or, in the case of premises for which an allocation of coal has been made for a period which includes that date, from the day after the end of that period.

The order also cancels the provisions which empowered the Local Fuel Overseer to make compulsory changes in consumers' registrations to secure the economic distribution of coal throughout the district.

The Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1949

1949 No. 741

Made - - - -	13*th April*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	19*th April*, 1949
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1949

The Minister of Fuel and Power in pursuance of articles six and sixty-five of the Coal Distribution Order, 1943,(a) as amended(b) (in this direction referred to as " the principal order ") hereby gives the following direction :—

Restriction of supplies of coal (other than coal specified in para. 2).

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph three of this direction, the maximum quantity of coal, not being coal to which the next following paragraph applies, which may be furnished or acquired (whether or not for a consideration), for actual consumption in any controlled premises and not for resale, during the period beginning on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty, (in this direction referred to as " the current period ") shall be:—

(*a*) in the Eastern, London, South Eastern, Southern and South Western Regions, thirty-four hundredweight, of which not more than twenty hundredweight shall be furnished or acquired during the period beginning on the first day of May and ending on the thirty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, (in this direction referred to as " the summer period "), and not more than twenty-four hundredweight during the period beginning on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty, (in this direction referred to as " the winter period ").

(*b*) in the Northern, North Eastern, North Midland, Midland, North Western, Wales and Scottish Regions, fifty hundredweight, of which not more than twenty hundredweight shall be furnished or acquired during the summer period and not more than thirty hundredweight during the winter period.

(a) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1138) II, p. 378.
(b) The relevant amending order is S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 218) II, p. 346.