(2) the other Orders specified in the Schedule which would cease to have effect on the 1st January, 1955, as a result of the limitation of the powers under Regulation 55 effected by the Defence Regulations (No. 9) Order, 1954 (S.I. 1954/1480).

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(3) COAL DISTRIBUTION

1954 No. 270

The Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	9*th March*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	12*th March*, 1954
Coming into Operation	13*th March*, 1954

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations fifty-five, fifty-five AA 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**), and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(**c**), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1953(**d**)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. The Coal Distribution Order, 1943(**e**), as amended(**f**), shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in this order.

2. After article thirty, the following article shall be inserted in lieu of article thirty-one (which is spent)—

"Change of licensed merchant on application during limited period.

31.—(1) If during the period beginning on the first day of May and ending on the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, 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 as soon as reasonably practicable vary the Controlled Premises Register by deleting the name of the previous merchant, and entering the name of the

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(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10 and S.R. & O. 1945/1618, 1625 (1945 II, pp. 48, 56).
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (**c**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(**d**) S.I. 1953/1767 (1953 II, p. 1970). (**e**) S.R. & O. 1943/1138 (1943 II, p. 378).
(**f**) The relevant amending orders are S.I. 1950/897, 1951/347, 1412, 1953/286 (1950 III, p. 391; 1951 III, pp, 49, 50; 1953 II, p. 1997).

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 day following the date on which the notification thereof is given by the Local Fuel Overseer as aforesaid.

(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."

3. Article thirty-five (which provides for separate registration for coke) is hereby revoked.

4. For article sixty-five (which excepts small quantities of coke and other kinds of coal from the provisions of the order) there shall be substituted the following article—

"Small quantities.

65. Nothing in this order shall prohibit or restrict the furnishing or acquisition of coal in a quantity of not more than twenty-eight pounds at any one time."

5. In sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of article seventy-eight (which relates to interpretation)—

(*a*) for the meaning assigned to the expression coal there shall be substituted the following meaning—

"" coal" means bituminous coal, cannel coal, anthracite and all manufactured fuel (other than coke) carbonised to any extent in the process of manufacture of which any one of the foregoing is the principal constituent;";

(*b*) the definition of "coke producer" shall be deleted.

6. This order shall come into operation on the thirteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1954.

Dated this ninth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

Geoffrey Lloyd,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order amends article 31 of the Coal Distribution Order, 1943, to enable an occupier of controlled premises to change without giving reasons his licensed merchant if he applies to the Local Fuel Overseer between 1st May and 31st July, 1954. Effect is to be given to the change from the day following the date on which the Local Fuel Overseer gives notification thereof.

The order also revokes the provisions of the Coal Distribution Order relating to coke.