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.

Restriction of supplies of certain kinds of coal.

2. The maximum aggregate quantity of :—

(*a*) coke ;

(*b*) anthracite, and Welsh dry steam coal ;

(*c*) Kent dry steam coal ;

(*d*) manufactured fuel carbonised to any extent in the process of manufacture, not being coalite ; and

(*e*) briquettes manufactured in South Wales at the Crown Works or the Graigola Works, and anthracite ovoids ;

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 current period shall be sixty hundredweight, so however that the amount thereof not consisting of coke shall not exceed twenty hundredweight in the summer period and twenty hundredweight in the winter period.

Exceptions.

3.—(1) Nothing in this direction shall restrict the furnishing or acquisition of :—

(*a*) unscreened coke breeze not exceeding three quarters of an inch ;

(*b*) anthracite duff ;

(*c*) washery slurry ;

(*d*) untreated small coal able to pass through a single screen of a mesh not exceeding two inches (or, in the case of coal produced in Scotland, three inches), or unscreened coal, not being in either case coke or any other grade of coal specified in the last foregoing paragraph ;

(*e*) manufactured fuel not being coalite or manufactured fuel specified in the last foregoing paragraph.

(2) Where, on or after the thirty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-four, the Regional Coal Officer has certified that any premises are controlled premises to which a direction given in pursuance of article six of the principal order does not apply, nothing in this direction shall restrict the furnishing or acquisition of coal for consumption in those premises, unless that certificate has been revoked by the Regional Coal Officer.

As to article 65.

4. In paragraph (1) of article sixty-five of the principal order, as amended by the Coal Distribution Order, 1945, and the Coal Distribution Order, 1943, General Direction (Restriction of Supplies) No. 15(a) the following shall be substituted for the provisions contained in sub-paragraph (*a*) :—

" (*a*) coal other than coke in a quantity of not more than twenty-eight pounds at any one time ;

(*b*) coke in a quantity of not more than fifty-six pounds at any one time."

Interpretation.

5. In this direction the expressions " the current period ", " the summer period " and " the winter period " have the meanings assigned to them respectively by paragraph one.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2259) II, p. 227.

Commencement and citation.

6. This direction shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1949.

Dated this thirteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. This direction specifies, subject to certain exceptions mentioned in paragraph 3, the maximum aggregate quantities of various classes of coal which may be furnished or acquired between 1st May, 1949, and 30th April, 1950, for consumption in controlled premises, as defined in the Coal Distribution Order, 1943.

2. The direction also amends the article of that order which relates to supplies of small quantities by increasing the quantity of coke which may be obtained without restriction from 28 lb. at any one time to 56 lb. at any one time.

(ii) MINING

The Coal Mines (Modification of Precautions against Coal Dust) (Revocation) Order, 1949

1949 No. 2229

Made - - - -	30*th November*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	3*rd December*, 1949
Coming into Operation	1*st July*, 1950

The Minister of Fuel and Power in pursuance of regulations fifty-nine 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:—

1. The Coal Mines General Regulations (Precautions against Coal Dust) Modification Order, 1939(**c**), is hereby revoked.

2. This order shall come into operation on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty, and may be cited as the Coal Mines (Modification of Precautions against Coal Dust) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Dated this thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1620 and 1625) II, pp. 51 and 56.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 1804) I, p. 929.