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The Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1953

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The Minister of Fuel and Power, in pursuance of article six of the Coal Distribution Order, 1943(a), as amended(b), hereby gives the following direction:—

Restriction of supplies

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 consumption in any controlled premises and not for resale, during the period beginning on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, shall be—

(*a*) in the Eastern, London, South Eastern, Southern and South Western Regions, thirty-four hundredweight, of which not more than twenty-four 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 fifty-three, (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 fifty-three, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, (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.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph three of this direction, the coal to which this paragraph applies is—

(*a*) coke,

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

(*c*) Kent dry steam coal, and

(*d*) manufactured fuel carbonised to any extent in the process of manufacture.

(2) The maximum aggregate quantity of coal to which this paragraph applies which may be furnished or acquired (whether or not for a consideration) for consumption in any controlled premises and not for resale shall be thirty hundredweight during the summer period and thirty hundredweight during the winter period.

(a) S.R. & O. 1943/1138; 1943 II, p. 378.
(b) The relevant amending orders are S.I. 1948/2347; 1950/897; 1951/1412: 1948 II, p. 375; 1950 III, p. 391; 1951 III, p. 50.

(3) The maximum aggregate quantity of coal described in sub-paragraphs (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph which may be furnished or acquired (whether or not for a consideration) for consumption in any controlled premises and not for resale shall be twenty hundredweight during the summer period and twenty hundredweight during the winter period.

Exceptions

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

(*a*) anthracite duff ;

(*b*) washery slurry;

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

(*d*) bituminous coal consigned by the National Coal Board for domestic purposes, but outside the Board's house coal quality groups because of its unsuitable size or quality;

(*e*) small, salvaged or other coal certified by the Regional Coal Officer to be outside the Board's house coal quality groups because of its unsuitable size or quality ;

(*f*) Coalite ;

(*g*) Rexco.

(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 Coal Distribution Order, 1943, 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.

Commencement and citation

4. This direction shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1953.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Geoffrey Lloyd,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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, 1953, and 30th April, 1954, for consumption in controlled premises, as defined in the Coal Distribution Order, 1943.