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, in the case of an application during the month of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, on the first day of May in that year or, in any other case, 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."

2. This order shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Dated this twenty-sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Aubrey Jones,
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 the Coal Distribution Order, 1943, to enable an occupier of controlled premises to change his licensed merchant without giving reasons if he applies to the Local Fuel Overseer between 1st April and 31st July, 1956. Effect is to be given to the change from 1st May, where application is made before that date, and from the day following the date on which the Local Fuel Overseer gives notification thereof, where application is made on or after 1st May, 1956.

1956 No. 629

The Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1956

Made - - - -	*25th April,* 1956
Laid before Parliament	*30th April,* 1956
Coming into Operation	*1st May,* 1956

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

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1943/1138 (1943 II, p. 378).
(**b**) The relevant amending orders are S.I. 1948/2347, 1950/897, 1951/1412, 1954/270 1948 II, p. 375; 1950 III, p. 391; 1951 III, p. 50; 1954 II, p. 2054).

the period beginning on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, 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 winter period;

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

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph three of this direction, the maximum aggregate quantity of—

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

(*b*) Kent dry steam coal, and

(*c*) manufactured fuel carbonised to any extent in the process of manufacture,

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*) 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;

(*d*) 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;

(*e*) Coalite;

(*f*) 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.

Interpretation

4. In this direction—

"controlled premises" has the meaning assigned by the Coal Distribution Order, 1943;

"the summer period" means the period beginning on the first day of May and ending on the thirty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-six;

"the winter period" means the period beginning on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Commencement and citation

5. This direction shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1956.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Aubrey Jones,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the 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, 1956, and 30th April, 1957, for consumption in controlled premises, as defined in the Coal Distribution Order, 1943.

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(3) ELECTRICITY

1956 No. 1958

The Electricity Supply (Hours, Safety and Welfare) (Revocation) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	*7th December,* 1956
Laid before Parliament	12*th December,* 1956
Coming into Operation	31*st December,* 1956

The Minister of Labour and National Service, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 59 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, 1955(**d**)) and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Electricity Supply (Hours, Safety and Welfare) (Revocation) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of December, 1956.

2. The Electricity Supply (Hours, Safety and Welfare) Order, 1943(**e**), is hereby revoked.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1956.

Iain Macleod,
Minister of Labour and National Service.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10 and S.R. & O. 1945/1620, 1625 (1945 II, pp. 51, 56). See also S.I. 1954/750 (1954 II, p. 2039).
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (**c**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25. (**d**) S.I. 1955/1810 (1955 II, p. 2491).
(**e**) S.R. & O. 1943/187 (1943 II, p. 632).