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The Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) Order, 1953

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The Minister of Materials in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55 and 98 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, 1952(**d**)), hereby orders as follows:—

Page sizes of newspapers

1. Except under the authority of a licence granted by the Minister of Materials hereunder and in accordance with any condition attaching thereto, no person shall print in the United Kingdom for sale therein any daily or Sunday or weekly newspaper having—

'Old' newspapers

(*a*) in the case of a newspaper first published in the United Kingdom before the 16th day of August, 1940—any page of an area greater than the area of the largest page which that newspaper had at any time in the period beginning on the 1st day of August, 1951, and ending at the end of the 31st day of July, 1952; or

'Intermediate' newspapers

(*b*) in the case of a newspaper first published in the United Kingdom at any time in the period beginning on the 16th day of August, 1940, and ending at the end of the 2nd day of May, 1953—any page of an area greater than the area of the largest page which that newspaper had at any time during the week beginning on the 26th day of April and ending at the end of the 2nd day of May, 1953; or

'New' newspapers

(*c*) in the case of a newspaper first published in the United Kingdom at any time on or after the 3rd day of May, 1953—any page of an area greater than the area of the smallest page which that newspaper had on the day on which it was first published.

Page allowances for all newspapers

2.—(1) This Article relates to any newspaper of a description set out in Column (1) of the Table in paragraph (2) of this Article and being a newspaper published and sold in the United Kingdom at a price per copy specified in Column (2) of that Table.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945/1611, 1618, 1625; 1945 II, pp. 39, 48, 56.
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (**c**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(**d**) S.I. 1952/2094; 1952 III, p. 3006.

(2) Except under the authority of a licence granted by the Minister of Materials hereunder and in accordance with any condition attaching thereto, no person shall print in the United Kingdom for sale therein any newspaper to which this Article relates of such a size that the number of pages printed in the period of twelve weeks beginning on the 3rd day of May, 1953, or in any subsequent period of twelve weeks exceeds the appropriate number specified in Column (3) of the following Table:—

THE TABLE

Description of Newspaper (1)	*Price per copy* (2)	*Number of pages in twelve-week period* (3)
Large Daily Newspaper...	not more than 1½d.	576
	more than 1½d. but not more than 2½d.	720
	more than 2½d.	864
Small Daily Newspaper...	not more than 1½d.	1,152
	more than 1½d. but not more than 2½d.	1,440
	more than 2½d.	1,728
Large Sunday Newspaper	not more than 2½d.	132
	more than 2½d.	144
Small Sunday Newspaper	not more than 2½d.	264
	more than 2½d.	288
Large Weekly Newspaper other than a Sunday Newspaper	not more than 1½d.	120
	more than 1½d.	144
Small Weekly Newspaper other than a Sunday Newspaper	not more than 1½d.	240
	more than 1½d.	288

(3) For the purpose of this Article—

(*a*) a newspaper shall be taken to be large, if any page of any copy thereof has an area exceeding 250 square inches; and a newspaper shall be taken to be small if no page of any copy thereof has an area exceeding 250 square inches: and

(*b*) the number of pages printed in any twelve-week period shall be calculated—

(i) in the case of a daily newspaper, by adding together the daily number of pages for all the days in that twelve-week period (and the daily number of pages for any day is the largest number of pages contained in any copy of the newspaper issued on that day); and

(ii) in the case of a weekly newspaper (whether or not a Sunday newspaper), by adding together the weekly number of pages for all the weeks in that twelve-week period (and the weekly number of pages for any week is the largest number of pages contained in any copy of the newspaper issued during that week).

Coronation Period page allowance

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in Article 2 of this Order: during a Coronation Period of the sixteen weeks beginning on the 3rd day of May and ending at the end of the 22nd day of August, 1953, and during the succeeding eight-week period beginning on the 23rd day of August and ending at the end of the 17th day of October, 1953, Article 2 of this Order shall have effect as if for paragraph (2) thereof the following paragraph were substituted:—

"(2) Except under the authority of a licence granted by the Minister of Materials hereunder and in accordance with any condition attaching thereto, no person shall print in the United Kingdom for sale therein any newspaper to which this Article relates of such a size that the number of pages printed in (*a*) the Coronation Period exceeds the appropriate number specified in Column (3) of the following Table, or in (*b*) the succeeding eight-week period exceeds the appropriate number specified in Column (4) of the following Table:—

THE TABLE

Description of Newspaper	*Price per copy*	*Number of pages permitted in—*	
		Coronation *sixteen-week period beginning 3rd May, 1953*	Succeeding *eight-week period beginning 23rd August, 1953*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Large Daily Newspaper...	not more than 1½d.	798	384
	more than 1½d. but not more than 2½d.	996	480
	more than 2½d.	1,196	576
Small Daily Newspaper...	not more than 1½d.	1,596	768
	more than 1½d. but not more than 2½d.	1,992	960
	more than 2½d.	2,392	1,152
Large Sunday Newspaper	not more than 2½d.	184	88
	more than 2½d.	202	96
Small Sunday Newspaper	not more than 2½d.	368	176
	more than 2½d.	404	192
Large Weekly Newspaper other than a Sunday Newspaper	not more than 1½d.	170	80
	more than 1½d.	202	96
Small Weekly Newspaper other than a Sunday Newspaper	not more than 1½d.	340	160
	more than 1½d.	404	192

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Interpretation

4. In this Order—

"make" includes making by handwriting, typewriting or stencilling;

"paper" includes all descriptions (whether homogeneous or laminated and whether coated or uncoated) of paper, paperboard, pulpboard, wallboard, fibreboard, cellulose wadding, cellulose film, and other similar materials which are manufactured wholly or mainly either from vegetable fibres or a pulp thereof or both from such fibres and such pulp; and

"print" includes printing by means of any duplicating or silk screen process or by any other means.

Revocation

5. The Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) Order, 1952(a), is hereby revoked.

Coming into Operation: Citation

6. This Order shall come into operation on the 3rd day of May, 1953: and may be cited as the Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) Order, 1953.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1953.

Arthur Salter,
Minister of Materials.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Order, which supersedes the Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) Order, 1952, relating to the publication of newspapers—

(1) releases 'intermediate' newspapers (i.e. newspapers which were first published at some time during the period beginning on the 16th August, 1940, and ending at the end of the 2nd May, 1953) from any restriction on the quantity of paper they may consume, but subjects them to (*a*) the same *page number* restrictions as the 'old' newspapers (i.e. newspapers which were first published before that period), and (*b*) to a *size of page* not greater than the largest page which they had at any time during the week beginning on the 26th April and ending at the end of the 2nd May, 1953;

(2) allows 'new' newspapers (i.e. newspapers which are first published on or after the 3rd May, 1953) to be started and maintained without any restriction on the quantity of paper they may consume, but at a *size of page* not greater than the smallest page which the newspaper had on the day on which it was first published and, of course, subject to the *page number* restrictions; and

(3) during a Coronation Period of the sixteen weeks 3rd May–22nd August, 1953, allows all newspapers extra pages as shown in Column (3) of the Table in Article 3 of the Order, the maximum page allowances thereafter returning to the normal rate.

Power to license exceptions is provided.

(a) S.I. 1952/1519.