STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 543

COUNTER-INFLATION

The Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order 1974

Made - - -	*26th March* 1974
Laid before Parliament	*26th March* 1974
Coming into Operation	*27th March* 1974

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred on her by sections 5 and 15 of, and paragraphs 1(1) and (2), 2(4) and 3 of Schedule 2 to and paragraphs 1(1), (2), (4) and (6) and 2(2) of Schedule 3 to, the Counter-Inflation Act 1973(**a**), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 27th March 1974.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order hereby varied were Acts of Parliament.

2. The Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order 1973(**c**) is hereby varied by the insertion after article 4(5) of the following paragraph—

" (6) A price or charge shall not be treated for the purposes of this Order as an increased price or charge only because it exceeds an earlier price or charge if the increase does not exceed the cash amount of any increase (including a change from a nil amount) in—

(*a*) excise duties, customs duties or car tax on, or on anything comprised in, the goods in question which, whether by virtue of a contract or otherwise, is, or is to be, borne in the particular case by the person intending to implement the increase; or

(*b*) value added tax chargeable by that person on the supply of the goods or services in question."

Shirley Williams,
Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

26th March 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order provides that an increase in a price or a charge resulting solely from a change in a customs or excise duty, car tax or value added tax need not be notified to the Price Commission before it is implemented, provided it does not exceed the cash amount of the tax increase.

(a) 1973 c. 9. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1973/1786 (1973 III, p. 5488).

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