STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 148

COUNTER-INFLATION

The Counter-Inflation (Restrictions on Remuneration) Order 1973

Made - - - -	*1st February* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*2nd February* 1973
Coming into Operation	*5th February* 1973

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2(5)(*b*), (6) and (7) of, and paragraph 1(1) and (2) of the Schedule to, the Counter-Inflation (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as the "1972 Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Counter-Inflation (Restrictions on Remuneration) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 5th February 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Application of section 2 of the 1972 Act

2. Subject to Article 3, section 2 of the 1972 Act (subsection (2) of which prohibits the payment by an employer of remuneration to which the section applies for work for any period during which the section applies to the remuneration at a rate which exceeds the rate of remuneration paid by the employer for the same kind of work before 6th November 1972) shall apply to the remuneration under contracts of employment for work described in the Schedule to this Order.

Authorisation of increases payable under wages regulation orders

3. Payment of remuneration in accordance with any relevant wages regulation order under the Wages Councils Act 1959(**c**) made before the date of this Order is hereby authorised.

Method of comparing rates of remuneration

4. For the purpose of giving effect to this Order:

(*a*) in comparing the rate of any remuneration with earlier remuneration, no account shall be taken of any earlier remuneration which became payable after the period for which it was payable unless it became payable before 6th November 1972;

(*b*) rates of remuneration for overtime shall be compared separately:

Provided that where at any relevant time the number of hours for which plain time is payable (that is, basic hours) is reduced the rate of remuneration for that number of overtime hours which is equal to the reduction shall be compared with the rate of remuneration for basic hours at the earlier time.

Maurice Macmillan,
Secretary of State for Employment.

1st February 1973.

(a) 1972 c. 74. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) 1959 c. 69.

Article 2

SCHEDULE

REMUNERATION TO WHICH SECTION 2 OF THE 1972 ACT IS APPLIED

Remuneration for work under any contract of employment under which the rates of remuneration are fixed, in whole or in part, expressly or by implication, by reference to the rates of remuneration provided for:—

1. in the following agreements made between the National Wages Board of the Co-operative Union Limited (and subsequently adopted by the National Wages Board of the Co-operative Employers' Association) and the Joint Trade Union Negotiating Committee for the Retail Co-operative Movement:—

(*a*) an agreement dated 8th May 1972, relating to General Distributive Workers (excluding Transport, General Office and Milk Workers);

(*b*) an agreement dated 8th May 1972 relating to Clerks;

2. in the agreements relating to workers in radio and television servicing made between the National Wages Board of the Co-operative Union Limited and

(*a*) the Electrical, Electronic and Telecommunication Union- Plumbing Trades Union, and

(*b*) the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers

on 6th December 1971, as amended by agreements between the National Wages Board of the Co-operative Employers' Association and the said Unions on 1st November 1972;

3. in the agreement relating to café and restaurant workers made between the National Wages Board of the Co-operative Union Limited and the Joint Trade Union Negotiating Committee for the Retail Co-operative Movement on 2nd May 1971, as amended by a jointly recommended settlement reached on 4th and 5th May 1972;

4. in the agreement relating to laundry workers (including Transport) made between the Laundry Wages Committee of the Co-operative Union Limited and the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, the Transport and General Workers' Union and the United Road Transport Union on 1st August 1971, as amended on 21st July 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which has effect from 5th February 1973, applies section 2 of the Counter-Inflation (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 (subsection (2) of which imposes restrictions on remuneration) to the remuneration specified in the Schedule to the Order, subject to the authorisation in Article 3. The Order also prescribes the method of comparing rates of remuneration for the purpose of giving effect to the Order.

Copies of the agreements referred to in the Schedule to this Order are available for inspection between 10 a.m. and noon and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on any week-day (except Saturdays) at the offices of the Department of Employment at 8 St. James's Square, London, SW1Y 4JR.

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