(3) the maximum and overriding maximum prices of spring mattresses and the extra allowances for side rails and woven wire meshes are increased; these increases are indicated in the Second Schedule by plus (+) signs;

(4) the provisions relating to delivery costs have been revised; and

(5) sales of furniture to Government Departments are now subject to price control.

The Furniture (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1951

1951 No. 2219

Made - - - -	17*th December*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	18*th December*, 1951
Coming into Operation	31*st December*, 1951

The Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 1, 13 and 18 of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941(**a**), as amended by the Defence (Price Control) Regulations, 1945(**b**), (which are continued in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1951(**c**),) and Regulation 4 of those Regulations, hereby order as follows:—

1. The Furniture (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951(**d**), shall have effect subject to the following amendments:—

(*a*) for Article 2 thereof there shall be substituted the following:—

"2.—(1) The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a manufacturer of furniture in respect of any new office furniture manufactured by him shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article, be such amount as is reasonably justified in respect of the manufacturer's costs of production and sale by reference to the matters set out in the First Schedule hereto (taken as a whole) together with a sum equal to 6 per cent. thereof.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Article shall permit a manufacturer, in calculating his costs of production and sale, to take into account the amount of any increase in such costs computed by reference to such of the matters specified in paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the First Schedule hereto as are relevant, due to—

(i) any increase agreed after the 4th day of February, 1948, in the rate or scale of wages, salaries or commission paid or payable by him, or

(ii) any change agreed after that date in the terms or conditions of employment of persons employed by him,

except so much of any increase or change made by him after that date but before the 9th day of November, 1951, in pursuance of the National Labour Agreement for the Furniture Manufacturing

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(a) 4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 31.
(b) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1613) II, p. 81.
(c) S.I. 1951 No. 2116, *see* Vol. III, p. 27.
(d) S.I. 1951 No. 1744. p. 944 above.

Trade, dated the 31st day of January, 1946, as amended from time to time, as was necessary to comply to the minimum extent with the provisions of that Agreement as in force at the date of the increase or change.

(3) The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a manufacturer of furniture in respect of any new office furniture not manufactured by him shall be the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid by him together with an amount equal to 2½ per cent. thereof." ;

(*b*) in paragraph (4) of Article 7, for the definition of "cost of labour" there shall be substituted the following:—

"'cost of labour' means, in relation to the carrying out of any work, such amount as is reasonably justified, having regard to the time necessary for carrying out such work, by reference to the labour (including that, if any, of the proprietor of the business) directly employed in that work:

Provided that no account shall be taken of any increase in such amount which is due to any increase in the rate or scale of wages, salaries or commission or to any change in the terms and conditions of employment being an increase or change of a kind which may not be taken into account under the provisions of paragraph (2) of Article 2 of this Order by a manufacturer in computing his costs of production and sale." ; and

(*c*) for the Second Schedule thereto there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Order.

2. This Order may be cited as the Furniture (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of December, 1951.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1951.

Peter Thorneycroft,
President of the Board of Trade.

SCHEDULE

(*Second Schedule to S.I.* 1951 *No.* 1744)

PART I

(*Note:—An asterisk against an Item No. indicates that the listed price may be increased if the article incorporates certain special features: see Part II of this Schedule*)

SECTION 1

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3				Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description					(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions		Manufacturer's Maximum Price	
				Carcase Width	Carcase Depth		
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	F.101	Wardrobe	Two door, split carcase ...	4′ 0″	1′ 9″	28 0 0+	37 6 9+
*2	F.102	Wardrobe		3′ 6″	1′ 6″	21 15 0+	29 0 0+
*3	F.103	Wardrobe		3′ 0″	1′ 9″	20 10 0+	27 6 9+
*4	F.104	Wardrobe		3′ 0″	1′ 4″	16 0 0+	21 6 9+
5	F.105	Wardrobe		2′ 0″	1′ 4″	12 12 6+	16 16 9+
6	F.111	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	With mirror	3′ 6″	1′ 6″	18 2 6+	24 3 6+
7	F.112	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	With mirror	3′ 0″	1′ 6″	14 7 6+	19 3 6+
8	F.113	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	Dressing table with mirror. Chest with or without mirror.	2′ 6″	1′ 4″	10 12 6+	14 3 6+
9	F.114	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	Dressing table with mirror. Chest with or without mirror.	2′ 0″	1′ 4″	9 0 0+	12 0 0+

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3				Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description					
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions		Manufacturer's Maximum Price	(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
				Carcase Width	Carcase Depth		
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.
10	F.121	Tallboy or Chest of drawers.	Minimum height including base 3′ 9″.	2′ 9″	1′ 6″	16 2 6+	21 10 0+
11	F.122	Tallboy or Chest of drawers.	Minimum height including base 2′ 9″.	2′ 6″	1′ 6″	14 0 0+	18 13 6+
12	F.123	Tallboy or Chest of drawers.	Minimum height including base 3′ 5″.	2′ 3″	1′ 4″	10 10 0+	14 0 0+
*13	F.133	Pair of Bedstead Ends.	Fitted with bedpost brackets: panelled or slatted.	4′ 0″		9 5 0+	12 6 9+
*14	F.143	Pair of Bedstead Ends.	Fitted with bedpost brackets: panelled or slatted.	2′ 6″		7 2 6+	9 10 0+
15	F.151	Sideboard		4′ 6″	1′ 6″	18 12 6+	24 16 9+
16	F.152	Sideboard		4′ 0″	1′ 6″	16 0 0+	21 6 9+
17	F.153	Sideboard		3′ 9″	1′ 4″	12 2 6+	16 3 6+
17A	F.154	Sideboard	Buffet, Court Cupboard or Welsh Dresser type: minimum height 4′ 3″.	4′ 0″	1′ 6″	20 17 6+	27 16 9+

				Area of Table Top			
18	F.161	Dining table ...		7½ sq. ft.		10 17 6+	14 10 0+
				Carcase Width	Carcase Depth		
19	F.171	Dining chair (with arms).	Upholstered seat			3 8 3—	4 11 0—
20	F.172	Dining chair (without arms).	Upholstered seat			2 9 0+	3 5 6+
21	F.173	Dining chair (with arms).	Upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.			4 5 3+	5 13 9+
22	F.174	Dining chair (without arms).	Upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.			2 19 0+	3 18 9+
23	F.175	Dining chair (with arms).	Spring upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.			4 13 6—	6 4 9—
24	F.176	Dining chair (without arms).	Spring upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.			3 8 3+	4 11 0+
25	F.181	Windsor chair ...	Double bow			5 0 0+	6 13 6+
26	F.182	Windsor chair ...	With arms			2 12 6—	3 10 0—
27	F.183	Windsor chair ...	Bow back			1 10 0—	2 0 0—
28	F.184	Kitchen chair ...				1 0 3	1 7 0
29	F.185	Bentwood chair ...				1 16 6	2 8 9

SECTION 2

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3			Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description				(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions: Carcase Width	Manufacturer's Maximum Price	
30	F.201	Occasional or Bedside table.			£ s. d. 3 8 6+	£ s. d. 4 11 6+
31	F.211	Bedside cabinet ...			4 5 0+	5 13 6+
32	F.221	Stool			1 18 0+	2 10 9+
33	F.231	Bureau		2′ 6″	16 0 0	21 6 9
34	F.241	Tea trolley			4 14 0+	6 5 6+
35	F.251	Fireside curb ...			1 8 0+	1 17 6+
36	F.261	Bookcase	Glazed front: not less than 8½ ft. run of enclosed book-space.		12 10 0+	16 13 6+
36A	F.265	Bureau-bookcase ...	Not less than 4¼ ft. run of enclosed book-space with glazed front.	2′ 6″	21 10 0+	28 13 6+
37	F.271	Set of bookshelves	Not less than 11½ ft. run of open book-space.		4 16 6+	6 8 9+
38	F.272	Set of bookshelves	Not less than 5½ ft. run of open book-space.		2 18 6+	3 18 0+

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3					Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description						(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions			Manufacturer's Maximum Price	
				Area of Table Top	Width	Carcase Depth		
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.
39	F.301	Kitchen cabinet ...	Complete		2′ 6″	1′ 6″	13 15 0+	18 6 9+
40	F.302	Kitchen cabinet ...	Top only		2′ 6″		5 10 0+	7 6 9+
41	F.303	Kitchen cabinet ...	Bottom only		2′ 6″	1′ 6″	8 5 0+	11 0 0+
42	F.304	Kitchen cabinet ...	Complete, fitted with fall front.		2′ 6″	1′ 3″	13 15 0+	18 6 9+
43	F.313	Kitchen table ...		5¼ sq. ft.			4 6 0+	5 14 9+

SECTION 4

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3					Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description						(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions			Manufacturer's Maximum Price	
				Over-all Width	Seat Width	Seat Depth		
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.
44	F.412	Woven Fibre chair...			1′ 5″	1′ 4″	5 5 0	7 0 0
45	F.421	Woven Fibre settee	With loose spring-upholstered seats.	3′ 6″			10 0 0	13 6 9
46	F.431	Cane chair					4 10 0	6 0 0
47	F.451	Cane or Willow cot					2 19 0	3 18 9
48	F.461	Cane or Willow cradle.					1 14 6	2 6 0
49	F.471	Cane or Willow cradle stand					1 9 0	1 18 9

SECTION 5

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3		Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description			(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
Item No	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Manufacturer's Maximum Price	
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
50	F.501	Cot	Polished or pigmented finish	4 10 0+	6 0 0+
51	F.511	Playpen	Polished or pigmented finish	3 0 0+	4 0 0+
52	F.521	High chair	Polished or pigmented finish	3 15 0+	5 0 0+
53	F.531	Low chair	Polished or pigmented finish	2 0 0+	2 13 6+

SECTION 6

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3				Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description					
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars: Frame	Particulars: Arms *Grade 1*: Fully upholstered and either sprung or filled with latex foam rubber or stuffed and stitched. *Grade 2*: Fully upholstered. *Grade 3*: Show-wood or part show-wood or upholstered.	Minimum Springing	Manufacturer's Maximum Price	(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.
54	F.601	Fireside chair ...	Wood or metal.	Grade 3	Seat ...	6 12 6	8 16 9
*55	F.602	Fireside chair ...	Wood or metal.	Grade 3	Seat and back.	8 12 6	11 10 0
56	F.603	Adjustable Fireside chair	Wood or metal.	Grade 3	Seat ...	6 18 6	9 4 9
*57	F.611	Bed chair ...	Wood ...	Grade 3		10 0 0	13 6 9
58	F.621	Nursing chair ...	Wood ...	Arms not provided	Seat ...	6 0 0	8 0 0
*59	F.631	Wing easy chair...	Wood ...	Grade 2	Seat and back.	15 11 6	20 15 6
*60	F.632	Wing easy chair...	Wood ...	Grade 3	Seat ...	11 9 6	15 6 0

*61	F.641	Easy chair ...	Wood ...	Grade 3	...	...	...	Seat and back.	11 18 0	15 17 6
*62	F.651	Settee (2 seats) ...	Wood ...	Grade 3	...	...	...	Seat and back.	17 7 0	23 2 9
*63	F.652	Settee (3 seats) ...	Wood ...	Grade 3	...	...	...	Seat and back.	22 18 6	30 11 6
*64	F.661	Easy chair ...	Wood ...	Grade 1	...	...	...	Seat and back.	14 17 6	19 16 9
*65	F.671	Settee (2 seats) ...	Wood ...	Grade 1	...	...	...	Seat and back.	22 7 6	29 16 9
*66	F.672	Settee (3 seats) ...	Wood ...	Grade 1	...	...	...	Seat and back.	29 12 6	39 10 0
*67	F.681	Bed settee ...	Wood ...	Grade 3	...	...	...	Seat ...	19 5 0	25 13 6
*68	F.691	Bed settee ...	Wood ...	Grade 2	...	...	...	Seat ...	26 2 6	34 16 9

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3				Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description					
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars: Frame	Particulars: Arms *Grade 1*: Fully upholstered and either sprung or filled with latex foam rubber or stuffed and stitched. *Grade 2*: Fully upholstered. *Grade 3*: Show-wood or part show-wood or upholstered.	Minimum Springing	Manufacturer's Maximum Price	(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.
*69	F.732	Wing easy chair...	Metal ...	Grade 2	Seat and back.	15 11 6	20 15 6
*70	F.742	Easy chair ...	Metal ...	Grade 2	Seat and back.	11 18 0	15 17 6
*71	F.753	Settee (2 seats) ...	Metal ...	Grade 2	Seat and back.	17 7 0	23 2 9
*72	F.754	Settee (3 seats) ...	Metal ...	Grade 2	Seat and back.	22 18 6	30 11 6
*73	F.762	Easy chair ...	Metal ...	Grade 1	Seat and back.	14 17 6	19 16 9
*74	F.773	Settee (2 seats) ...	Metal ...	Grade 1	Seat and back.	22 7 6	29 16 9
*75	F.774	Settee (3 seats) ...	Metal ...	Grade 1	Seat and back.	29 12 6	39 10 0

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3				Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description					
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars: Frame	Particulars: Type of Edges *Grade 1*: Edges sprung or stuffed and stitched. *Grade 2*: Firm, stuffed edges.	Minimum Overall Width	Manufacturer's Maximum Price	(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.
*76	F.801	Upholstered Divan	Wood ...	Grade 2	4′ 0″	7 8 6+	9 18 0+
*77	F.802	Upholstered Divan	Wood ...	Grade 1	4′ 0″	11 10 0	15 6 9
*78	F.811	Upholstered Divan	Wood ...	Grade 2	2′ 6″	5 8 6+	7 4 9+
*79	F.812	Upholstered Divan	Wood ...	Grade 1	2′ 6″	10 0 0	13 6 9
*80	F.821	Upholstered Divan	Metal ...	Grade 1	4′ 0″	11 10 0	15 6 9
*81	F.822	Upholstered Divan	Metal ...	Grade 2	4′ 0″	7 8 6+	9 18 0+
*82	F.831	Upholstered Divan	Metal ...	Grade 1	2′ 6″	10 0 0	13 6 9
*83	F.832	Upholstered Divan	Metal ...	Grade 2	2′ 6″	5 8 6+	7 4 9+

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3						Col. 4	Col. 5
		Description							(*a*) Distributor's maximum price of a new article of imported furniture; (*b*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a new article manufactured in the United Kingdom; (*c*) Distributor's overriding maximum price of a secondhand article.
Item No.	Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars		Minimum Dimensions			Manufacturer's Maximum Price	
			Frame	Type of Springing	Length	Width	Carcase Depth		
								£ s. d.	£ s. d.
*84	F.901	Unupholstered Divan.	Metal ...			4′ 0″		9 15 0	13 0 0
*85	F.911	Unupholstered Divan.	Metal ...			2′ 6″		7 5 0	9 13 6
*86	F.921	Spring Mattress ...	Metal ...	Spiral spring.	5′ 7½″	3′ 11½″		2 3 9	2 18 6
*87	F.922	Spring Mattress ...	Wood ...	Spiral spring.	5′ 7½″	3′ 11½″		3 3 0	4 4 0
*88	F.923	Spring Mattress ...	Wood ...	Woven wire.	5′ 7½″	3′ 11½″		3 1 0	4 1 6
*89	F.931	Spring Mattress ...	Metal ...	Spiral spring or link and spring.	5′ 7½″	2′ 5½″		2 0 0	2 13 6
*90	F.932	Spring Mattress ...	Wood ...	Spiral spring.	5′ 7½″	2′ 5½″		2 9 3	3 5 9
*91	F.933	Spring Mattress ...	Wood ...	Woven wire.	5′ 7½″	2′ 5½″		2 10 6	3 7 6

*92	F.941	Pair of bedstead ends.	Metal ...			4′ 0″		3 10 0+	4 13 6+
*93	F.951	Pair of bedstead ends.	Metal ...			2′ 6″		2 7 0+	3 2 9+
94	F.961	Bed-cabinet with Metal Action.	Wood ...			2′ 9″	1′ 6″	16 2 6+	21 10 0+
95	F.971	Short Length Spring Mattress.	Metal ...	Diamond mesh.	4′ 6″	2′ 5½″		1 0 9	1 7 9

PART II

INCREASE IN PRICES FOR SPECIAL FEATURES

If furniture described in Part I of this Schedule in relation to an item number specified in Column 1 of the following Table incorporates the special features specified in Column 2 of that Table in relation to that item number, the relevant price specified in Column 4 or 5 of Part I of this Schedule shall be deemed to be increased by the relevant amount specified in sub-column (*a*) or (*b*) of Column 3 of that Table, as the case may be.

TABLE

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	
		Amount of Increase in Scheduled Prices	
Item No.	Feature	(*a*) Manufacturer's Price	(*b*) Distributor's Price
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2	Partly fitted with not less than four drawers, trays or shelves	3 8 6+	4 11 6+
3	Partly fitted with not less than four drawers, trays or shelves	2 12 6+	3 10 0+
4	Partly fitted with not less than four drawers, trays or shelves	2 5 6+	3 0 9+
13	Side rails...	8 3	11 0
14	Side rails...	8 3	11 0
55	Loose seat cushion	7 6	10 0
57	Loose seat cushions	1 14 9	2 6 6
59	Loose seat cushion	2 1 3	2 15 0
60	Loose seat cushion	1 14 9	2 6 6
61	Loose seat cushion	1 18 3	2 11 0
62	Loose seat cushions	2 18 9	3 18 6
63	Loose seat cushions	3 19 6	5 6 0
64	Loose seat cushion	2 5 0	3 0 0
65	Loose seat cushions	3 18 3	5 4 6
66	Loose seat cushions	5 12 6	7 10 0
67	Loose seat cushions	3 18 3	5 4 6
68	Loose seat cushions	3 18 3	5 4 6
69	Loose seat cushion	2 1 3	2 15 0

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	
		Amount of Increase in Scheduled Prices	
Item No.	Feature	(*a*) Manufacturer's Price	(*b*) Distributor's Price
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
70	Loose seat cushion	1 18 3	2 11 0
71	Loose seat cushions	2 18 9	3 18 6
72	Loose seat cushions	3 19 6	5 6 0
73	Loose seat cushion	2 5 0	3 0 0
74	Loose seat cushions	3 18 3	5 4 6
75	Loose seat cushions	5 12 6	7 10 0
76	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 8 6+	1 18 0+
77	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 8 6+	1 18 0+
78	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 3 9+	1 11 9+
79	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 3 9+	1 11 9+
80	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 8 6+	1 18 0+
81	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 8 6+	1 18 0+
82	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 3 9+	1 11 9+
83	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 3 9+	1 11 9+
84	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 10 6+	2 0 9+
85	Wood or metal headboard ...	1 0 9+	1 7 9+
86	Woven wire mesh	17 0	1 2 9
87	Woven wire mesh	17 0	1 2 9
89	Woven wire mesh	14 0	18 9
90	Woven wire mesh	14 0	18 9
86	Side rails...	4 3	5 9
87	Side rails...	8 3	11 0
88	Side rails...	8 3	11 0
89	Side rails...	4 3	5 9
90	Side rails...	8 3	11 0

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	
		Amount of Increase in Scheduled Prices	
Item No.	Feature	(*a*) Manufacturer's Price	(*b*) Distributor's Price
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
91	Side rails...	8 3	11 0
92	Side rails...	8 3	11 0
93	Side rails...	8 3	11 0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Furniture (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951.

The changes are as follows:—

(1) manufacturers of office furniture and distributors of repaired second-hand furniture may now take into account in their costs any increases in wages or changes in conditions of employment made by them after 4th February, 1948, but before 9th November, 1951, in pursuance of the National Labour Agreement for the Furniture Manufacturing Trade; and

(2) maximum and overriding maximum prices for a number of items of utility furniture and extra allowances for certain special features have been varied; these variations are indicated in the Schedule by plus (+) and minus (−) signs.

HANDKERCHIEFS

The Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951

1951 No. 584

Made - - - -	*5th April*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	*6th April*, 1951
Coming into Operation	*16th April*, 1951

The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 1 and 18 of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941(**a**), as amended by the Defence (Price Control) Regulations, 1945(**b**), (which are

(**a**) 4 & 5 Geo. 6, c. 31. (**b**) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1613) II, p. 81.