SECOND SCHEDULE

NOTICE

GOODS AND SERVICES (PRICE CONTROL) ACT, 1941

CARPETS

Overriding maximum prices have been fixed under the above-mentioned Act for certain carpets which are offered for sale in this establishment.

A Schedule containing such prices will, on request, be shown to any customer.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order supersedes the Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1950, as amended.

The principal changes are as follows:—

Price Control Group Carpets

(1) maximum prices on sales by wholesalers, which have hitherto been computed solely by reference to the amounts in the First Schedule, are now to be computed by adding to the purchase price a percentage of that price subject to the overriding maximum prices specified in that Schedule;

(2) maximum prices on sales by retailers, which have hitherto been computed by adding to the purchase price a percentage of that price subject to overriding maximum prices, are now to be computed solely by reference to the amounts specified in the First Schedule;

(3) with the exception of tapestry and hair carpets the maximum prices for which remain unchanged, manufacturers' maximum prices are reduced, wholesalers' overriding maximum prices are lower than the previous corresponding maximum prices, and retailers' maximum prices are lower than the previous corresponding overriding maximum prices; and

(4) maximum prices and overriding maximum prices are now provided for a new width of Wilton carpet (code number W.7);

All carpets

Carpets sold to the United Kingdom Exchange Service are no longer subject to price control.

The Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951

1951 No. 448

Made - - - -	15*th March*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	16*th March*, 1951
Coming into Operation	27*th March*, 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),

(a) 4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 31.

as amended by the Defence (Price Control) Regulations, 1945(a), (which are continued in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1950(b),) hereby order as follows:—

SCOPE OF ORDER

1. The maximum prices to be charged in the course of businesses of the following classes, namely, importer, wholesaler and retailer, in respect of carpets imported into the United Kingdom shall be computed in such manner and by reference to such matters as are hereinafter provided.

MAXIMUM PRICES

Importer and Wholesaler

2. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of an importer in respect of carpets imported in the course of that business, or of a wholesaler in respect of such carpets, shall be computed—

(i) on a sale otherwise than by retail—

(*a*) of imported carpets, being hand-knotted carpets, at the appropriate rate specified in column 3 of the Schedule hereto,

(*b*) of other imported carpets, by adding to the delivered cost an amount equal to 12½ per cent. thereof;

(ii) on a sale by retail of any imported carpets, by adding to the delivered cost thereof an amount equal to 33⅓ per cent. thereof:

Provided that—

(i) the maximum price to be charged on a sale otherwise than by retail of imported carpets (not being hand-knotted carpets) shall not exceed an amount computed at the rate of 110s. 7d. per square yard;

(ii) the maximum price to be charged on a sale by retail of any imported carpets shall not exceed an amount computed—

in the case of hand-knotted carpets, at the appropriate rate specified in column 4 of the Schedule hereto,

in any other case, at the rate of 110s. 7d. per square yard.

Retailer

3. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a retailer in respect of imported carpets shall be computed by adding to the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the importer or wholesaler by the first purchaser (being a retailer) an amount equal to 33⅓ per cent. thereof:

Provided that the maximum price shall not exceed an amount computed—

in the case of hand-knotted carpets, at the appropriate rate specified in column 4 of the Schedule hereto,

in any other case, at the rate of 110s. 7d. per square yard.

Composite Businesses

4.—(1) In relation to a business which, in respect of carpets, consists of a wholesale and a retail branch, in relation to which the prescribed conditions are fulfilled, each such branch may be treated as a wholly separate business, and

(i) the maximum price to be charged on a sale of imported carpets by such a wholesale branch shall be computed—

(*a*) in respect of hand-knotted carpets, either by adding to the wholesale cost the prescribed percentage thereof or at the appropriate rate specified in column 3 of the Schedule hereto,

(a) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1613) II, p. 81. (b) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.

(*b*) in respect of other carpets, by adding to the wholesale cost either the prescribed percentage thereof or an amount equal to 12½ per cent. of such cost :

Provided that the maximum price shall not exceed an amount computed—

in the case of hand-knotted carpets, at the appropriate rate specified in column 4 of the Schedule hereto,

in any other case, at the rate of 110s. 7d. per square yard ;

(ii) the maximum price to be charged in respect of imported carpets sold by such a retail branch shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, except that for the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid there shall be substituted the retail cost.

(2) In this Article—

" prescribed conditions " means—

(*a*) that separate records and books of account are being kept in relation to the wholesale branch and the retail branch of the business, including records showing the transfer of imported carpets from one branch to another branch and the price at which such carpets are transferred, and

(*b*) that there is maintained in connection with the wholesale branch a warehouse or other storage premises used for carrying stocks of the business which are substantial in relation to the turnover of that branch, and there is conducted in connection with that branch a regular selling organisation for supplying the retail trade, and

(*c*) that a notice in writing, in duplicate, signed by a person competent to do so, stating that the conditions set out in heads (*a*) and (*b*) of this definition have been fulfilled, is forwarded to, and the duplicate of such notice has been returned by, the Secretary of the Central Price Regulation Committee ;

" wholesale cost " means, in relation to a wholesale branch—

(*a*) in respect of imported carpets purchased from an importer or a wholesaler, the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the importer by the first purchaser, and

(*b*) in respect of carpets imported by the wholesale branch into the United Kingdom, the delivered cost thereof ;

" retail cost " means, in relation to the retail branch—

(*a*) in respect of imported carpets purchased from an importer or a wholesaler, the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the importer or wholesaler by the first purchaser, being a retailer,

(*b*) in respect of imported carpets transferred to the retail branch by the wholesale branch (being a branch in which the maximum price chargeable on a sale of carpets by that branch is computed by adding the prescribed percentage to the wholesale cost) the wholesale cost of the wholesale branch together with the prescribed percentage thereof,

(*c*) in respect of imported carpets transferred to the retail branch by the wholesale branch (not being a branch referred to in head (*b*) of this definition) the wholesale cost of the wholesale branch ;

" prescribed percentage " means the percentage which bears to 12½ per cent. the same ratio as the wholesale cost of imported carpets sold to retailers bears to the aggregate of the wholesale cost of

(*a*) imported carpets sold to retailers, and

(*b*) imported carpets transferred to the retail branches,

during the six-monthly accounting period immediately preceding the day on which such carpets were sold or transferred.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Discounts

5. On a sale of an imported carpet (otherwise than by retail) the appropriate maximum price shall be reduced by 2½ per cent. thereof in any case in which payment therefor is made or tendered before the 20th day of the calendar month immediately succeeding that in which the carpet was consigned by the seller to or to the order of the buyer.

Delivery Charges

6.—(1) If, on the sale of an imported carpet, the seller refuses to deliver it at the premises of or nominated by the buyer (being, in the case of a sale by retail, premises not more than 15 miles from the premises at which the contract was made), the appropriate maximum price shall be reduced by the amount of any delivery charges which would be reasonably incurred in the delivery of the carpet to the premises of or nominated by the buyer.

(2) If, on the sale of an imported carpet by retail, the carpet is under the contract delivered at the premises of or nominated by the customer more than 15 miles from the premises at which the contract was made, the appropriate maximum price shall be increased by the amount of any charges or costs reasonably incurred in the delivery thereof.

Invoices

7. In relation to an imported carpet sold in the course of the business of an importer or a wholesaler and bought in the course of the business of a wholesaler or a retailer, the Price-Controlled Goods (Invoices) Order, 1943(**a**), shall have effect as if, in the invoice to be furnished, the seller were required (in addition to the particulars referred to in Article 2 of that Order) to state—

(i) that the carpet was imported,

(ii) whether the carpet is or is not a hand-knotted carpet, and, if a hand-knotted carpet, to which of the categories specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto it belongs, and

(iii) the delivered cost of the carpet (except in relation to a carpet bought in the course of the business of a retailer).

Interpretation and Revocation

8.—(1) In this Order—

"carpets" means new carpets, rugs, mats, runners and similar articles, including articles the upper surface of which is made wholly or mainly of wool, mohair, cotton, rayon or jute or a mixture of any of them, but excluding articles made wholly or mainly of coco, coir, rubber, cork, linoleum, printed felt base, plastic material or the skin of any animal; and

"imported carpets" means carpets (not being price control group carpets as defined in the Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1950(**b**), as amended from time to time(**c**), or carpets referred to in Article 6 of that Order) which have been imported into the United Kingdom;

"delivered cost" means in relation to imported carpets an amount equivalent to the aggregate of—

(*a*) the price (after all deductions by way of discount other than cash or settlement discounts not exceeding 2½ per cent.) paid or agreed to be paid by the importer, and

(a) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 604) I, p. 309. (b) S.I. 1950 (No. 97) I, p. 889.
(c) The amending Orders in force at the date hereof are S.I. 1950 (No. 1704) I, p. 899, and 1951 No. 312.

(*b*) all sums (in so far as they are not included under (*a*) above) paid or payable by the importer in respect of packing, insurance, freight to the port of entry, import duties, customs clearance charges and charges for delivery to the warehouse of the importer of those carpets;

"maximum price" means the price, exclusive of purchase tax but inclusive of any charges in respect of delivery to the premises of or nominated by the customer, payable before any deduction by way of discount;

"purchase price" means the price, exclusive of purchase tax but inclusive of delivery charges, payable after all deductions by way of discount other than cash or settlement discounts not exceeding 5 per cent.

(2) In the calculation of any measurement for the purposes of this Order, fringes shall be excluded.

(3) The Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) (No. 4) Order, 1950(a), is hereby revoked.

Citation and commencement

9. This Order may be cited as the Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 27th day of March, 1951.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1951.

Harold Wilson,
President of the Board of Trade.

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Category	Description of Carpet	Importer's and Wholesaler's Maximum Price	Retailer's Overriding Maximum Price
		s. d. per square yard	s. d. per square yard
A.	Made of hand-spun yarn and having not more than 576 knots to a 6″ × 6″ square.	65 0	86 8
B.	Made of mill-spun yarn and having not more than 576 knots to a 6″ × 6″ square.	70 0	93 4
C.	Made of either type of yarn and having 577 knots or more to a 6″ × 6″ square.	83 0	110 7

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order supersedes the Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) (No. 4) Order, 1950.

The principal changes are as follows:—

1. The distinction between carpets manufactured in India or Pakistan and other carpets has been abandoned, and imported carpets are now divided into hand-knotted carpets, of which there are three categories, and other carpets.

(a) S.I. 1950 (No. 1707) I, p. 904.

2. *Importer and Wholesaler*

(*a*) *On sale otherwise than by retail.* Maximum prices are provided for the three categories of hand-knotted carpets. For other carpets the maximum price is the delivered cost, together with 12½ per cent., subject to an overriding maximum or " ceiling " price ;

(*b*) *On sale by retail.* The maximum price of any carpet is the delivered cost, together with 33⅓ per cent., subject to separate ceiling prices for the three categories of hand-knotted carpets and to a single ceiling price for others.

3. *Retailer.* The maximum price of any carpet is the purchase price paid by the first purchaser, being a retailer, together with 33⅓ per cent., subject to the ceiling prices mentioned in paragraph 2 (*b*) above.

4. The particulars which importers and wholesalers are required to show on their invoices have been revised, and there is a new definition of " carpets ".

CLOTH

The Utility Cloth and Utility Household Textiles (Distributors' Maximum Prices) Order, 1951

1951 No. 2283

Made - - - -	21*st December,* 1951
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Coming into Operation	7*th January,* 1952

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 continued in force by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1951(**c**),) hereby order as follows: —

PART I

MAXIMUM PRICES

1. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a wholesaler or a retailer on a sale of new utility goods of any description specified in column 1 of Part I of the First Schedule hereto, shall be the appropriate amount specified in column 2 of that Part in relation to that description.

2.—(1) The variations of maximum prices specified in Part II of the First Schedule hereto shall have effect as therein provided.

(2) The maximum price on a sale otherwise than by retail of any utility goods of a description specified in section B or section C of Part I of the First Schedule hereto shall be reduced by an amount equal to 2½ per cent. thereof in any case in which payment for those utility goods is made or tendered before the tenth day in the month immediately succeeding that in which the utility goods were consigned by the seller to or to the order of the buyer.

(**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.