(B) NEWSPRINT

The Newsprint (Prices) Order, 1948

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The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the Regulations 55AB and 98 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939(a), as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(b), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(c), hereby order as follows:—

Newsprint. Maximum Prices.

1. No person shall sell otherwise than by retail or cause or permit to be so sold any newsprint to which this Order applies, namely, newsprint the fibre content of which comprises not less than 70 per cent. by weight of mechanical pulp fibre, at a price (inclusive of all charges in respect of delivery but exclusive of the amount of purchase tax (if any) paid or payable in respect thereof) exceeding the appropriate maximum price of that newsprint, that is to say:—

(*a*) in the case of newsprint being sold, whether or not by the producer thereof, in reels, the appropriate maximum price provided in Part I of the First Schedule hereto;

(*b*) in the case of newsprint being sold in sheets by the producer thereof, the appropriate maximum price provided in Part II of the First Schedule hereto;

(*c*) in any other case, the appropriate maximum price provided in Part III of the First Schedule hereto.

Delivery charges.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order, on a sale of any newsprint to which this Order applies the appropriate maximum price computed in accordance with the provisions of this Order (except where it is computed in accordance with the provisions of Part III of the First Schedule and includes the amount of the actual costs incurred in the delivery thereof) shall be increased by any costs (including costs of insurance) incurred in respect of the carriage of that newsprint between a port in Great Britain and a place of delivery in Northern Ireland or a port in the United Kingdom and a place of delivery in the Isle of Man or the Isles of Scilly if the amount of that increase is separately stated by the seller on the invoice furnished to the buyer in relation to that sale.

Saving.

3. Nothing in this Order shall apply to a sale of any newsprint:—

(*a*) on terms that it is to be delivered by the seller at a place outside the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man or free on board a vessel for shipment to such a place, or

(*b*) by or to a Government Department.

(a) *See* Note, p. 15 above.

(b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1625) II, pp. 39 and 56.

(c) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.

Interpretation.

4. A person to whom a direction has been issued under Article 2 of the Control of Paper (No. 34) Order, 1941(a), and who is therein referred to as " the buyer " shall, for the purposes of this Order, be deemed to have produced in the United Kingdom any paper being newsprint to which that direction relates, but nothing in this Order shall apply to the sale of any such paper to the said buyer.

Revocation.

5. The Orders specified in column 1 of the Second Schedule hereto are hereby revoked to the extent mentioned in column 2 of that Schedule.

Citation and commencement.

6. This Order may be cited as the Newsprint (Prices) Order, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 5th day of July, 1948.

Dated this 21st day of June, 1948.

John Belcher,
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Board of Trade.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Interpretation

In this Schedule:—

" customarily charged " means customarily charged in the prewar period, that is to say, the period of twelve months which ended on the 1st September, 1939.

PART I

Maximum prices of newsprint sold in reels.

The maximum price to be charged in respect of any newsprint to which this Order applies being sold in reels is the aggregate of—

(i) the appropriate standard price, namely:—

(*a*) in the case of machine-finished newsprint ... £42 10s. od. per ton(b)

(*b*) in the case of super-calendered newsprint ... £42 17s. 6d. per ton(b); and

(ii) such (if any) of the following extras as are appropriate to that case, namely:—

(*a*) for Reels less than 28 inches in diameter, £1 2s. od. per ton;

(*b*) for thin substances, an amount calculated at the rate of £1 5s. od.(b) per ton in respect of each 1 lb. by which the actual substance is less than 22 lbs. in the size 20 in. × 30 in. 480's or the equivalent substance in other sizes;

(*c*) for Guaranteed Bulk, £2 9s. 6d. per ton;

(*d*) for Hard Sizing, the amount customarily charged therefor or £2 4s. od. per ton whichever is the less;

(*e*) for Colours, the amount customarily charged therefor or £3 6s. od. per ton whichever is the less.

(a) S.R. & O. 1941 (No. 1355) II, p. 1675. (b) *See* amendments, p. 963 below.

PART II

Maximum prices of newsprint being sold in sheets by the producer thereof.

The maximum price to be charged in respect of any newsprint to which this Order applies being sold in sheets by the producer thereof is the aggregate of:—

(i) the appropriate standard price namely:—

(*a*) in the case of machine-finished newsprint, £45 0s. 0d. per ton(a);

(*b*) in the case of super-calendered newsprint, £45 7s. 6d. per ton(a); and

(ii) such (if any) of the following extras as are appropriate to that case, namely:—

(*a*) for thin substances, an amount calculated at the rate of £1 5s. 0d.(a) per ton in respect of each 1 lb. by which the actual substance is less than 22 lb. in the size 20 in. × 30 in. 480's or the equivalent substance in other sizes;

(*b*) for Guaranteed Bulk, £2 9s. 6d. per ton;

(*c*) for Hard Sizing, the amount customarily charged therefor or £2 4s. 0d. per ton whichever is the less;

(*d*) for Colours, the amount customarily charged therefor or £3 6s. 0d. per ton whichever is the less.

PART III

Maximum prices of newsprint in cases other than those provided for in Parts I and II

1. The maximum price to be charged in respect of a sale of newsprint to which Parts I and II of this Schedule do not apply shall be:—

(1) in the case of a sale of that newsprint ex the seller's stock, not being stock held by him at the producer's premises, the aggregate of—

(i) the appropriate maximum price for that description of newsprint computed in accordance with Part II of this Schedule; and

(ii) an amount equal to 33⅓ per cent. of that price (excluding the amount of any increase for carriage costs included therein under Article 2); and

(iii) such (if any) of the following extras as are appropriate to that case, namely:—

(*a*) in a case in which he or any other person (not being the producer of that newsprint) has cut the newsprint into sheets smaller than 300 sq. ins., the amount customarily charged therefor;

(*b*) on a sale in a quantity less than 3½ cwt., of newsprint imported into the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man from a place outside those areas, the actual costs of the delivery thereof incurred after the newsprint has been landed in the United Kingdom or, as the case may be, the Isle of Man;

(*c*) on a sale in a quantity of less than 3½ cwt., of newsprint not so imported, the actual costs of the delivery of such newsprint.

(2) in any other case—

(i) the appropriate maximum price for that description of newsprint computed in accordance with Part II of this Schedule; and

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(a) *See* amendments, p. 963 below.

(ii) an amount equal to the appropriate percentage of that price (excluding the amount of any increase for carriage costs included therein under Article 2), namely—

(*a*) on a sale of a quantity not less than 1 ton, 6¼ per cent.;

(*b*) on a sale of a quantity less than 1 ton but not less than 10 cwt., 10 per cent.;

(*c*) on a sale of a quantity less than 10 cwt., 12½ per cent.; and

(iii) on a sale of newsprint in a quantity less than 3½ cwt.—

(*a*) in the case of newsprint imported into the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man from a place outside those areas, the actual costs of the delivery thereof incurred after the newsprint has been landed in the United Kingdom or, as the case may be, the Isle of Man;

(*b*) in the case of newsprint not so imported, the actual costs of the delivery of that newsprint.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Orders in whole or in part revoked by this Order

Column 1	Column 2
Title of Order	Extent of the revocation
1. The Control of Paper (No. 19) Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 1102) II, p. 1184).	Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, and the First and Second Schedules thereto.
2. The Control of Paper (No. 27) Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 1876) II, p. 1236).	The whole Order.
3. The Control of Paper (No. 51) Order, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 1979) II, p. 2235).	The whole Order.
4. The Control of Paper (No. 56) Order, 1943 (S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 8) II, p. 2068).	The whole Order.
5. The Control of Paper (No. 71) Order, 1946 (S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 6) II, p. 1312).	The whole Order.
6. The Control of Paper (No. 81) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 90) II, p. 1144).	The whole Order.
7. The Control of Paper (No. 85) Order, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2813) II, p. 1145).	The whole Order.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order replaces Articles 2 to 8 inclusive of, and the First and Second Schedules to, the Control of Paper (No. 19) Order, 1940 (S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 1102) II, p. 1184), as amended by the other Orders specified in the Second Schedule to this Order.

The changes are that the maximum prices for newsprint are reduced and the minimum mechanical pulp fibre content of newsprint to which the Order applies is increased from 60 per cent. to 70 per cent.