(24) SULPHURIC ACID

The Sulphuric Acid (Prices) Order, 1951

1951 No. 551

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The Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Regulations 55 and 55AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(a), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(b), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1950(c), hereby order as follows:—

1. A producer of sulphuric acid shall not sell to any person any sulphuric acid to which this Order applies of any quantity and description for which a basic price is provided in relation to that person in the Schedule to this Order, at a price exceeding the appropriate maximum price computed in accordance with the provisions of that Schedule.

2. A producer of sulphuric acid shall not sell to any person any sulphuric acid to which this Order applies of any quantity and description unless a basic price has been provided for sulphuric acid of that quantity and description in relation to that person by this Order or any other Order made by the Board of Trade.

3. Sulphuric acid to which this Order applies is sulphuric acid (including fuming sulphuric acid and oleum) of any description except battery or accumulator acid, reagent acid or sulphuric acid containing more than 25 per cent. free SO_3.

4.—(1) The Sulphuric Acid (Prices) Order, 1949(d), the Sulphuric Acid (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1950(e), and the Sulphuric Acid (Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1950(f), are hereby revoked.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Sulphuric Acid (Prices) Order, 1951 and shall come into operation on the 9th day of April, 1951.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1951.

Harold Wilson,
President of the Board of Trade.

SCHEDULE

1. The maximum price on a sale by a producer of sulphuric acid to any person of any sulphuric acid to which this Order applies of any quantity and description shall be the basic price in relation to that sale computed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Schedule, varied where appropriate in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Schedule.

2. In relation to a sale of sulphuric acid of any quantity and description by a producer of sulphuric acid (hereinafter referred to as "the relevant sale") the basic price shall be—

(*a*) (where sulphuric acid of that quantity and description was sold during the basic period to the buyer upon terms similar to those of the relevant

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1618) II, pp. 39 and 48.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.
(d) S.I. 1949 (No. 1934) II, p. 679. (e) S.I. 1950 (No. 447) III, p. 876.
(f) S.I. 1950 (No. 1784) III, p. 877.

sale) the price (including any charges) at which that sulphuric acid was invoiced, or, where such a price was invoiced to the buyer more than once, last invoiced to the buyer; or

(*b*) (where sulphuric acid of that quantity and description was not sold during the basic period to the buyer upon terms similar to those of the relevant sale) the price (including any charges) at which sulphuric acid of that quantity and description, sold during the basic period to any customer of a class similar to the class to which the buyer belongs, upon terms similar to those of the relevant sale and delivered in the same area as that required by the terms of the relevant sale, was invoiced, or, where such a price was invoiced to that customer more than once, last invoiced to that customer.

In this paragraph "basic period" means the period beginning with the 1st day of January, 1951, and ending with the 31st day of March, 1951.

3. Where the costs of delivery included in the basic price are higher or lower than the costs of delivery of the sulphuric acid in pursuance of the relevant sale there shall be deducted from or added to the basic price, as the case may be, an amount equal to the difference.

4. In relation to the sale of sulphuric acid of a description specified in the first column of the following table there shall be added to the basic price an amount computed at the rate set out in the second column of that table in relation to that description.

1 Description	2
Sulphuric Acid (H_2SO_4):—	
(i) of a strength less than 75.51 per cent. H_2SO_4 (136° Tw. at a temperature of 60° F.)	An amount calculated at a rate per ton which bears to £1 7s. 6d. the same ratio as the percentage of H_2SO_4 in the content of that acid bears to 77 per cent.
(ii) of a strength not less than 75.51 per cent. H_2SO_4 (136° Tw. at a temperature of 60° F.) and not more than 84.02 per cent. H_2SO_4 (155° Tw. at a temperature of 60° F.)	An amount calculated at the rate of £1 7s. 6d. per ton.
(iii) of a strength more than 84.02 per cent. H_2SO_4 (155° Tw. at a temperature of 60° F.) up to and including acid containing not more than 25 per cent. free SO_3.	An amount calculated at the rate of £1 13s. 9d. per ton.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order supersedes the Sulphuric Acid (Prices) Order, 1949, as amended. The principal changes are as follows:—

(*a*) maximum prices for all sulphuric acid to which the Order applies have been increased; and

(*b*) the "basic period" for the purpose of calculating prices is now 1st January, 1951, to 31st March, 1951.