QUILTS

The Utility Quilts (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951

1951 No. 88

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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, 1950(**c**),) hereby order as follows:—

MAXIMUM PRICES

1. The maximum prices to be charged in the course of businesses of the following classes, namely, manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer, in respect of utility goods, being new utility quilts (hereinafter called "goods") shall be computed in such manner and by reference to such matters as are hereinafter provided.

Manufacturer

2. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a manufacturer in respect of goods of a description included in the Schedule to this Order shall be the appropriate amount specified in column 2 thereof:

Provided that the amount so specified shall be deemed to be increased—

(*a*) in relation to a sale to a retailer, by 7½ per cent. thereof; and

(*b*) in relation to a sale by retail, by 42.86 per cent. thereof.

Wholesaler

3.—(1) The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of a wholesaler who, in relation to goods, conducts a regular selling organisation for supplying the retail trade, and who carries, in a warehouse or other storage premises, stocks which are substantial in relation to his turnover, shall be computed—

(i) on a sale otherwise than by retail, by adding to the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer by the first purchaser an amount equal to 17.65 per cent. thereof:

Provided that, in the case of goods of a description included in the Schedule to this Order, such maximum price shall not exceed the appropriate amount specified in column 3 thereof;

(ii) on a sale by retail, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 as if such wholesaler were a retailer.

(2) The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of any other wholesaler shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article, except that for "17.65 per cent." there shall be substituted "5 per cent.".

(**a**) 4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 31. (**b**) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1613) II, p. 81.
(**c**) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.

Retailer

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

Provided that, in respect of goods of a description included in the Schedule to this Order, such maximum price shall not exceed the appropriate amount specified in column 4 thereof.

Composite Businesses

5.—(1) In relation to a business which, in respect of goods, consists of at least two of the following, namely, a manufacturing branch, a wholesale branch 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 at which goods may be transferred from such a manufacturing branch shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 as though such transfer were a sale;

(ii) the maximum price to be charged in respect of goods sold by such a wholesale branch shall be computed by adding to the wholesale cost either of the following:—

(*a*) an amount equivalent to 17.65 per cent. of such cost, or

(*b*) the prescribed percentage;

(iii) the maximum price to be charged in respect of goods sold by such a retail branch shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, except that for the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid there shall be substituted the retail cost:

Provided that, in respect of goods of a description included in the Schedule to this Order, the maximum price so computed shall not exceed the appropriate amount specified in column 3 or column 4 thereof, as the case may be.

(2) In this Article—

" prescribed conditions " means—

(*a*) that separate records and books of account are kept in respect of the manufacturing branch, the wholesale branch, and the retail branch of the business (as the case may be) including records, showing the transfer of goods from one branch to another branch, and the price at which such goods were transferred, and

(*b*) that, where there is a wholesale branch of the business, there is maintained in connection with that 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 head (*a*) and (where applicable) head (*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:

Provided that, if, in relation to goods, a notice in respect of the conditions so set out was so forwarded and the duplicate thereof returned before the date of the coming into operation of this Order, then such notice shall be deemed a compliance with the provisions of this head ;

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

(*a*) in respect of goods purchased from a manufacturer or wholesaler, the purchase price paid or agreed to be paid to the manufacturer by the first purchaser, and

(*b*) in respect of goods transferred to the wholesale branch by the manufacturing branch, the purchase price at which such goods were so transferred ;

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

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

(*b*) in respect of goods transferred to the retail branch by the manufacturing branch, the purchase price at which such goods were so transferred,

(*c*) in respect of goods transferred to the retail branch by the wholesale branch (being a branch in which the maximum price chargeable on a sale of goods 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,

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

" prescribed percentage " means the percentage which bears to 17.65 per cent. the same ratio as the wholesale cost of goods sold to retailers bears to the aggregate of the wholesale cost of

(*a*) goods sold to retailers, and

(*b*) goods transferred to the retail branches

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Restriction on Additional Percentages

6. Subject to the provisions of Article 5, the maximum prices fixed by this Order shall not be computed in relation to any business, in respect of goods, by adding more than one of the amounts specified in Articles 3 and 4.

Rounding Provisions and Discounts

7.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Order, on a sale by a retailer of goods the maximum price of which, computed in accordance with the provisions of this Order, exceeds the sum of 5s. the maximum price per article shall be rounded to the nearest 1d. above it ;

Provided that, in respect of goods of a description included in the Schedule to this Order, the maximum price when rounded shall in no case exceed the appropriate amount specified in column 4 thereof.

(2) The maximum price charged in respect of goods on a sale otherwise than by retail shall be reduced by an amount equal to 2½ per cent. thereof in any case in which payment for those goods is made or tendered before the tenth day in the month next following that in which the goods were consigned to or to the order of the buyer.

Delivery Charges

8. If on the sale of goods by retail the goods are 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 maximum price computed in accordance with this Order shall be increased by the amount of any charges or costs reasonably incurred in the delivery thereof.

Interpretation and Revocation

9.—(1) In this Order—

" manufacturer " means any person who carries out a process of manufacture or making-up in relation to goods or who permits materials belonging to him to be subjected to any process whereby goods are produced ;

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

" utility goods " has the meaning assigned in the Utility Mark and Apparel and Textiles (General Provisions) Order, 1947(a).

(2) The Utility Quilts (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1950(b), is hereby revoked.

Citation and Commencement

10. This Order may be cited as the Utility Quilts (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 29th day of January, 1951.

Dated this 19th day of January, 1951.

Harold Wilson,
President of the Board of Trade.

SCHEDULE

(New Sch. substit. by S.I. 1951 No. 1747, p. 995 below.)

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2642) II, p. 160.
(b) S.I. 1950 (No. 1047) I, p. 971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order supersedes The Utility Quilts (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1950.

The principal changes are:—

(i) manufacturers' maximum prices and wholesaler's and retailers' overriding maximum prices for all utility quilts are increased;

(ii) the range of utility quilts is extended, and maximum and overriding maximum prices are provided for the new descriptions which are indicated in the Schedule by an asterisk(*); and

(iii) retailers' maximum prices are now inclusive of delivery charges to premises not more than 15 miles from those at which the contract is made.

The Utility Quilts (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1951

1951 No. 1747

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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, 1950(**c**),) hereby order as follows:—

1. The Utility Quilts (Maximum Prices) Order, 1951(**d**), shall have effect subject to the amendment that for the Schedule thereto there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Order.

2. This Order may be cited as the Utility Quilts (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 8th day of October, 1951.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1951.

Hartley Shawcross,
President of the Board of Trade.

(**a**) 4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 31. (**b**) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1613) II, p. 81.
(**c**) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51. (**d**) S.I. 1951 No. 88, p. 991 above.