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PART I.—GENERAL.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE CONTROL OF PRICES ORDINANCE, No. 39 OF 1939.

RICE.

Order.

BY virtue of the powers vested in the Controller of Prices by section 3 of the Control of Prices Ordinance, No. 39 of 1939, I, John Christopher Wilberforce Rock, Controller of Prices, do by this Order :—

- (1) fix the prices specified in columns 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the schedule hereto to be, respectively, the maximum importers' price per bag, the maximum wholesale price per bag, maximum wholesale price per bushel and the maximum retail price per measure above which rice of the description and grade specified in the corresponding entry in column 1 of the schedule hereto shall not be sold by wholesale or by retail, as the case may be, for the area within the Municipal limits of the town of Colombo;
- (2) direct that every trader who, at any premises within the Municipal limits of the town of Colombo, exposes for sale rice of any description, and grade mentioned in the schedule hereto, shall exhibit in a conspicuous position at those premises, a notice on which shall be set out the maximum prices fixed by this Order in respect of rice of that description and grade;
- (3) direct that no trader shall sell any rice of any description and grade mentioned in the schedule hereto which is adulterated with any article or with rice of an inferior description and grade or quality;
- (4) direct that no dealer, or agent of any dealer, who sells rice at any store in any Granary shall demand from any purchaser, in respect of the loading of rice into a vehicle or vehicles brought alongside the store for the purpose, any amount exceeding the amount determined according to the maximum rates specified hereunder :—

Maximum Rates for Loading Rice.

- | | Amount
Per Bag.
Cents. |
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| (1) Where the rice is loaded exclusively by persons employed or nominated by the dealer or his agent— | |
| (a) for bags of rice weighing not more than 160 lb. | 5 |
| (b) for bags of rice weighing not less than 160 lb. but not more than 190 lb. | 6 |
| (c) for bags of rice weighing 190 lb. or more | 8 |
| (2) Where rice is loaded partly by persons employed or nominated by the dealer or his agent, and partly by persons not so employed or nominated | } One-half of the charge specified in paragraph (1) |
| (5) direct that no owner of any vehicle brought into any Granary for the purpose of conveying bags of rice to any place alongside any railway waggon in that Granary shall charge the purchaser of that rice or his agent any amount exceeding the maximum amount authorized under paragraph 4 to be charged in respect of the loading of such bags of rice into a vehicle ; | |
| (6) direct that no person who is employed to transfer bags of rice into a railway waggon in any Granary from a vehicle brought alongside the railway waggon for the purpose shall charge the purchaser of that rice or his agent any amount exceeding the amount authorized in paragraph 4 to be charged in respect of the loading of such bags of rice into a vehicle ; | |
| (7) direct that every trader who sells rice of any description and grade mentioned in the schedule hereto shall give to the purchaser of that rice, on demand, a receipt on which there shall be set out— | |
| (i.) the quantity, description, and grade of rice sold ; | |
| (ii.) the price paid for the quantity of rice sold ; | |
| (iii.) the date of the sale ; and | |
| (iv.) the nature of the sale, that is to say, whether the sale was by wholesale or by retail. | |
| (8) direct that the maximum price which may be demanded within the Municipal limits of the town of Colombo for a quantity of rice which is less than a bag but not less than one bushel shall be determined by reference to the maximum price per bag prescribed by this Order, in respect of that area, for rice of that description and grade ; | |
| (9) direct that the maximum price fixed by this Order for rice of any description and grade which is sold either by wholesale or by retail, in a quantity of not less than one bag shall include the price of the container in which such rice is sold ; | |
| (10) direct that any wholesale trader, who is required so to do by a person who purchases any quantity of rice not less than 1 bushel shall, on payment by that person of an extra charge at a rate not exceeding 2 cents per bushel cause that quantity of rice to be measured before delivery, in the presence of that person or of his agent ; | |
| (11) direct that for the purposes of this Order— | |
| (a) Importer's maximum price shall be applicable for the sale by an importer of rice of any quantity to a wholesale dealer ; | |
| (b) any sale of any quantity of rice for the purpose of resale shall be deemed to be a sale by wholesale ; | |
| (c) any sale of any quantity of rice for the purpose of consumption or use shall be deemed to be a sale by retail ; | |
| (d) a bag of rice other than Broken Raw Rice shall contain not less than 80 measures and 160 pounds ; | |
| (e) a bag of Broken Raw Rice shall contain not less than 115 measures and 239 pounds ; | |
| (f) " Granary " shall mean the " Chalmers' Granaries " and the granaries at the " Manning Market " in the town of Colombo ; | |
| (g) " measure " shall be deemed to be the standard quart dry measure, equivalent to one thirty-second part of a bushel ; and | |
| (h) " importer " shall mean a person who in his name has cleared any article from the Customs ; and | |
| (12) Rescind my Order dated 12 midnight, October 17, 1939, fixing the maximum prices above which rice shall not be sold in the area within the Municipal limits of Colombo published in <i>Government Gazette Extraordinary</i> No. 8,529 of October 17, 1939. | |

Signed at Colombo, 12 midnight, October 24, 1939.

J. C. W. ROCK,
Controller of Prices.

SCHEDULE.

Column 1. Description and Grade.	Column 2. Maximum Importer's Price per Bag. Rs. c.	Column 3. Maximum Wholesale Price per Bag. Rs. c.	Column 4. Maximum Wholesale Price per Bushel. Rs. c.	Column 5. Maximum Retail Price per Measure. Rs. c.
Milchard No. 1 ..	10 50	10 90	4 32	0 14
Milchard No. 2 ..	10 20	10 60	4 20	0 13½
Muttu Samba No. 1 ..	12 50	13 00	5 16	0 17½
Muttu Samba No. 2 ..	12 15	12 65	5 02	0 17
Broken Raw Rice ..	11 15	11 65	3 21	0 10½
Kora ..	11 90	12 40	4 92	0 17½
P. T. S. (Bangkok) ..	9 75	10 25	4 06	0 13½

EGGS.

THE CONTROL OF PRICES ORDINANCE, No. 39 OF 1939.

Order.

BY virtue of the powers vested in the Controller of Prices by section 3 of the Control of Prices Ordinance, No. 39 of 1939, I, John Christopher Wilberforce Rock, Controller of Prices, do, by this Order :—

- (1) fix the prices specified in columns 2 and 3 of the Schedule hereto, to be, respectively, the maximum wholesale price per 100 eggs and the maximum retail price per egg above which eggs of the description and grade specified in the corresponding entries in column 1 of that Schedule shall not be sold by wholesale or by retail, as the case may be, within the Municipal limits of the town of Colombo ;
- (2) direct that every trader who, at any premises within the Municipal limits of the town of Colombo, exposes for sale eggs of any description and grade specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto, shall exhibit, in a conspicuous position at those premises, a notice on which shall be set out the maximum prices fixed by this Order in respect of eggs of that description and grade ;
- (3) direct that no trader shall sell eggs of any description and grade mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule hereto, which is mixed with eggs of an inferior description and grade or quality ;
- (4) direct that every trader who sells eggs of any description and grade specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto shall give to the purchaser of those eggs a receipt on which there shall be set out—
 - (a) the description and grade of eggs sold ;
 - (b) the quantity of eggs sold ;
 - (c) the price paid for the quantity of eggs sold ;
 - (d) the date of the sale ; and
 - (e) the nature of the transaction, that is to say, whether the sale was by wholesale or by retail.
- (5) direct that for the purposes of this Order—
 - (a) any sale of any number of eggs for the purposes of resale shall be deemed to be a sale by wholesale ;
 - (b) any sale of any number of eggs for the purpose of consumption or use shall be deemed to be a sale by retail ; and
 - (c) " egg " means an egg of the female of the domestic fowl.
- (6) rescind my Order dated September 20, 1939, fixing the maximum prices above which eggs shall not be sold in the area within the Municipal limits of the town of Colombo and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 8,511 of September 20, 1939.

Signed at Colombo, 12 midnight, October 24, 1939.

J. C. W. ROCK,
Controller of Prices.

SCHEDULE.

Column 1. Description and Grade.	Column 2. Maximum Wholesale Price per 100 eggs. Rs. c.	Column 3. Maximum Retail Price per egg. Rs. c.
<i>A.—Graded Eggs.</i>		
1. Special Grade, <i>i.e.</i> , not less than 2 oz. in weight	9 0	0 11
2. Grade 1, <i>i.e.</i> , over 1½ oz. and under 2 oz. in weight	8 0	0 10
3. Grade 2, <i>i.e.</i> , over 1¼ oz. and under 1½ oz. in weight	6 50	0 8
4. Grade 3, <i>i.e.</i> , under 1¼ oz. in weight	5 50	0 6
<i>B.—Ungraded Eggs, i.e., of Unspecified weight</i>	5 50	0 6½