

The Notice setting out the minimum rates as fixed and as varied is dated 13th August, 1917, from which date the variations take effect. Further particulars in regard to the Notice issued by the Trade Board will be furnished to any person affected on application being made to the Secretary of the Trade Board, at the address given below.

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ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF MUNITIONS AS TO SUPERPHOSPHATES.

20th August, 1917.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and of all other powers enabling him, hereby orders as follows:—

1. As on and from the day following the date of this Order the maximum prices for Superphosphate shall be as follows:—

(a) In the case of sales or purchases for delivery in railway trucks at purchaser's or consumer's siding or nearest railway station or ex barge or ship at purchaser's or consumer's wharf, or in the case of sales or purchases for shipment to the Channel Islands, f.o.b. at port of shipment, the prices specified in the Schedule hereto, but less a discount or deduction of 2s. 6d. per ton on sales of two tons and upwards by makers or producers to Manure Mixers, Agricultural Merchants and Dealers, and Co-operative Societies registered under the Friendly Societies Acts.

(b) In the case of sales or purchases for delivery at maker's or producer's works free into purchaser's or consumer's carts or wagons for conveyance direct by road to consumer's premises, the prices specified in the Schedule hereto less 10s. per ton.

(c) In the case of sales or purchases for delivery ex vendor's store or shop or ex warehouse, railway goods yard or public wharf, the prices specified in the Schedule hereto with the addition of the following amounts according to the quantity of Superphosphate included in the sale or purchase, namely:—

Quantity sold or purchased.	Additional price authorised.
4 tons and over	5s. per ton.
1 ton and over but less than 4 tons	10s. " "
2 cwts. and over but less than 1 ton	1s. " cwt.
Less than 2 cwts.	2s. " "

Provided that such additional prices shall not be charged or paid in the case of sales or purchases of more than one ton for delivery ex railway goods yard or public wharf.

(d) In the case of sales or purchases for delivery by road at consumer's premises from vendor's store or shop or from warehouse, railway goods yard or public wharf, the maximum prices authorised under paragraph (c) above plus cost of or local rates for cartage or haulage.

2. The maximum prices fixed by paragraphs (a) and (b) of clause 1 of this Order shall not apply to any sale or purchase by or from a maker or producer for delivery as mentioned in those paragraphs where the quantity of Superphosphate included in the sale or purchase is less than two tons; and none of the provisions of clause 1 hereof shall apply to any sale of Superphosphate for export from the United Kingdom. But save as aforesaid no person shall as on and from the day following the date of this Order until further notice effect or offer to effect any sale or purchase of Superphosphate except for delivery in accordance with the terms specified in one or other of sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of clause 1 of this Order and at a price not exceeding that prescribed by the said clause and the Schedule hereto as the maximum price (having regard to quantity, quality and date for and terms of delivery) for such sale or purchase.

3. The maximum prices fixed by clause 1 of this Order are net prompt cash prices for Superphosphate in maker's or vendor's bags. Where credit is given to the purchaser a reasonable extra charge may be made provided that a price for net prompt cash is quoted on the invoice and does not exceed the maximum price authorised. If purchaser's bags are used, a reasonable allowance shall be made.

4. All persons engaged in producing, manufacturing, selling, distributing or storing Superphosphate, or in any manufacture in which the same is used, shall make such returns with regard to their businesses as shall from time to time be required by or under the authority of the Minister of Munitions.

5. All the provisions of the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906, and the regulations made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in pursuance of the provisions of that Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to this Order.

6. For the purposes of this Order Superphosphate shall mean Superphosphate of Lime manufactured from Mineral Phosphate but shall not include Basic Superphosphate, Bone Superphosphate, Dissolved Bones, Bone Meal or Bone Compound, Guanos or Compound Manures.

NOTE.—All applications in reference to this Order should be addressed to the Director of Acid Supplies, Ministry of Munitions, Department of Explosives Supply, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W. 1, and marked "Fertilisers."

THE SCHEDULE.

Maximum prices for Superphosphate referred to in clause 1 of the above Order:—

Percentage of Tri-Basic Phosphate of Lime rendered soluble in water.	Price per ton.
	£. s. d.
15 per cent. or over but less than 16 per cent.	4 12 6
16 per cent. or over but less than 17 per cent.	4 15 0
17 per cent. or over but less than 18 per cent.	4 17 6
18 per cent. or over but less than 19 per cent.	5 0 0
19 per cent. or over but less than 20 per cent.	5 2 6
20 per cent. or over but less than 21 per cent.	5 5 0