

*Ministry of Munitions of War,**April 30, 1918.***SUPERPHOSPHATE, SULPHATE OF AMMONIA AND GROUND BASIC SLAG.**

Whereas the Minister of Munitions considers it necessary to regulate sales and purchases of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, and Ground Basic Slag in manner hereinafter appearing, and in particular by fixing maximum prices at which sales may be effected.

And whereas the Minister of Munitions considers it necessary to provide for equalising, so far as possible, the cost of distribution of the said Fertilisers by rail or water throughout the United Kingdom, and, for this purpose, to prohibit sales of the same by makers or producers for transport by rail or water, except upon a delivered basis and at delivered prices, including, in every case, a fixed sum per ton to cover the estimated average cost of distribution, and to be accounted for by the makers or producers to the Minister or any other Government Department nominated by him for the purpose, by whom any costs of distribution by rail or water in excess of such estimate will be borne.

Now, therefore, 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. This Order shall take effect as on and from the 1st May, 1918.

2. For the purposes of this Order the maximum prices for Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, and Ground Basic Slag respectively shall (except as hereinafter otherwise expressly provided) be as follows:—

(a) In the case of sales of any of the said fertilisers for delivery in railway trucks at purchaser's or consumer's siding or nearest railway station, or free ex barge or ship at purchaser's or consumer's wharf or other available wharf approved by the purchaser, or, in the case of shipments to the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, f.o.b. at port of shipment, or, in the case of shipments of Ground Basic Slag to Ireland, c.i.f. at Irish port, the following prices, namely:—

(i) In the case of all sales (other than sales, by makers or producers, of smaller quantities than two tons) the respective prices specified in the first, second and third schedules hereto for Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia and Ground Basic Slag respectively, according to the date on which, under the terms of the contract for sale, delivery is to be made, and to the description and quality of the fertiliser delivered, but with the addition, in the case of sales of Ground Basic Slag for delivery in Ireland (otherwise than c.i.f. Irish port), of all charges incurred in delivering the Ground Basic Slag from the ship in port of arrival in Ireland to place of delivery, any charges for cartage, haulage or warehousing of such Ground Basic Slag or other services to be charged at not exceeding local rates.

(ii) In the case of sales, by makers or producers, of any of the said fertilisers in smaller quantities than two tons, the same prices as those specified under paragraph (d) of this clause for sales of the same fer-

tiliser in similar quantities ex vendor's store or shop or ex warehouse.

(b) In the case of sales for delivery at maker's or producer's works free into road vehicles provided by the purchaser or consumer for conveyance direct by road to purchaser's or consumer's premises, the following prices, namely:—

(i) In the case of all sales (other than sales, by makers or producers, of smaller quantities than two tons) the prices specified in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) above, less 10s. per ton.

(ii) In the case of sales, by makers or producers, of smaller quantities than two tons, the same prices as those specified under paragraph (d) of this clause for sales of the same fertiliser in similar quantities ex vendor's store or shop or ex warehouse.

(c) In the case of sales for delivery direct by road from maker's or producer's works to purchaser's or consumer's premises in road vehicles provided by the maker or producer, the prices specified under paragraph (b) above with the addition of the cost of cartage or haulage from the works to the purchaser's or consumer's premises, to be charged at not exceeding local rates.

(d) In the case of sales for delivery ex vendor's store or shop, or ex warehouse (other than maker's or producer's store or warehouse at point of manufacture), the prices specified under sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) above, with the addition of the following amounts, according to the quantity of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag (as the case may be) included in the sale:—

Quantity sold.	Additional price authorised.
	Per ton.
1 ton and over ... ..	10s.
	Per cwt.
2 cwt. and over, but less than 1 ton	1s.
1 cwt. and over, but less than 2 cwt.	2s.
28 lbs. and over, but less than 1 cwt.	3s.
14 lbs. and over, but less than 28 lbs.	4s.

and with the addition also (in the case of sales for delivery ex vendor's store or shop, where such store or shop is distant more than two miles from the nearest railway station or wharf available for the delivery of the fertiliser in railway truck, ship or barge) of the extra cost of carting or hauling the fertiliser by road from such railway station or wharf to such store or shop over the cost of carting the same a distance of two miles, such cost to be charged at not exceeding local rates.

(e) In the case of sales for delivery ex railway goods yard or public wharf, the prices specified under sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) above, with the addition of 2s. 6d. per ton in the case of sales of one ton or less, but without any addition in the case of sales of more than one ton.

(f) In the case of sales for delivery direct by road or barge from vendor's store or shop, or from warehouse, railway goods yard, or public wharf to consumer's premises, the prices authorised under paragraphs (d) and (e) above for sales of the same fertiliser in similar quantities ex such store, shop, warehouse, yard, or wharf, plus the cost of