

Fourth Class of the Order of the White Elephant, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, October 3, 1918.

The KING has been pleased, in pursuance of the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Military Service Act, 1916 (5 & 6 Geo. V., cap. 104), to make the following appointments:—

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE COUNTY OF CORNWALL.

John Townshend, Lord Saint Levan, C.B., C.V.O.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

Mr. Charles Wright, of Vauxhall House, Skirbeck.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

Lieutenant-General Edward Andrée Wyldé, of Edgarley Lodge, Glastonbury.

*Board of Trade,
7, Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W. 1.*

THE GAS COKE PRICES ORDER, 1918, DATED THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1918, MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRADE UNDER REGULATIONS 2F TO 2JJ OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

The Board of Trade, in exercise of their powers under Regulations 2F to 2JJ of the Defence of the Realm Regulations and of all other powers enabling them thereto, hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order applies to all sales of gas, coke or breeze in the United Kingdom for such industrial and other purposes as the Household Coal Distribution Order, 1917, or the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918, do not apply to.

2. (a) The maximum price of ordinary large gas coke delivered to a consumer by road vehicle shall in any district be the second highest price fixed under the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918, for sales of coal in such district.

(b) The maximum price of unscreened breeze delivered to a consumer by road vehicle shall be 40 per cent. of the corresponding price of ordinary large gas coke.

3. (a) The maximum price of ordinary large gas coke or unscreened breeze delivered in railway wagon or barge load or cargo to a consumer, or to a retail merchant for delivery by road vehicle to consumers, shall be less than the price prescribed under Article 2 of this Order by 12s. per ton in the case of deliveries within the Metropolitan Fuel Area as defined in Section 124 of the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918, and in the case of deliveries in the rest of Great Britain by such amount as has been fixed by the Local Fuel and Lighting Committee for the district in respect of loading, cartage, and delivery of coke, or, where no amount has been so fixed, by 10s. per ton.

(b) Where the transport charges by rail, barge or ship as the case may be are not paid either in whole or in part by the gas undertaking from whose works the coke or breeze is supplied, the maximum price shall be reduced by the amount by which such charges to the destination are not borne by the gas undertaking; provided that in the case of coke or breeze delivered into barge at gas works within the Metropolitan Area the amount by which the maximum price for coke or breeze delivered at destination shall be reduced shall be 2s. 6d. per ton in respect of the service of lighterage plus any additional cost of transport by rail.

4. (a) Additional charges may be made for the services of breaking, screening or washing coke or breeze provided that any dispute as to the cost of such services shall be submitted to the Controller of Coal Mines, whose decision shall be final and conclusive for all purposes. Any such charge shall be shown separately on the invoice.

5. The price of gas coke or breeze sold by a gas undertaking to a factor or wholesale merchant shall be 1s. 3d. per ton less than the price chargeable to a consumer under the provisions of this Order.

Provided that—

(i) Where coke or breeze is dealt with by more than one factor or wholesale merchant before reaching the consumer or retail merchant the above amount of 1s. 3d. per ton shall be divisible between the different factors and wholesale merchants, and each seller, except in the case of the final sale to the consumer or retail merchant, shall at the time of the sale inform the purchaser how much of the above amount is included in the price, and shall show such amount on every quotation, sale note, document or memorandum relating to the sale and on the invoice in order that the maximum price may not be exceeded.

(ii) Where payment is not made by the consumer or retail merchant before the date on which payment is due to the original owner of the coke or breeze or within thirty days of delivery of the same, whichever is the later, the factor or wholesale merchant may make a charge not exceeding 2½ per cent. in respect of credit to the consumer or retail merchant.

6. Where a consumer purchases gas coke or unscreened breeze under a contract for not less than 50 tons of gas coke or unscreened breeze per month over a period of not less than 12 months, the maximum price chargeable by the gas undertaking at the gas works, that is the price prescribed by Articles 2, 3 and 5 of this Order reduced by the costs of transport and handling, shall be reduced by 10 per cent. and the price chargeable by a factor or merchant in respect of coke supplied to a consumer under such a contract shall be correspondingly reduced.

7. The Board of Trade may by notice under the hand of the Controller of Coal Mines suspend the operation of this Order or any provision of this Order within the district of any local authority or larger area for such times and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed in the notice and may in like manner restore such operation.

8. The maximum prices and charges provided under this Order may be increased or reduced by the Controller of Coal Mines either