

Restrictions on Fitting and Equipment of Premises.

56. An undertaker of gas or electricity supply shall not, after the date on which this Order comes into effect, without the previous assent of the Local Fuel Overseer, make any new connection for the purpose of the supply of either gas or electricity coming within the scope of this Order, nor shall it fit or equip or permit or authorize to be fitted or equipped any premises with additional appliances for the purpose of using gas or electricity for fuel without such assent. This clause shall extend to any other persons undertaking the fitting or equipping of premises with appliances for the use of gas or electricity for fuel.

Removals; Failure to Give Notice.

57. When a consumer fails to give notice of removal as required by clause 14 hereof, he shall for the purposes of this Order be assumed to have consumed the gas and/or electricity shown by the next meter readings after his removal.

Quarterly Return of Excess Consumptions.

58. An undertaker of gas or electricity supply shall, not later than four weeks after the close of any quarter, make a return to the Local Fuel Overseer for each district in which it makes supplies showing for each consumer in such district the excess supply (if any) which such consumer has taken in such quarter for any premises in his occupation over the allowance or proportionate part thereof for such premises in accordance with the provisions of clauses 8 and 9 hereof.

Reserve Stocks of Coal;—Gas and Electricity Undertakers.

59. An undertaker of gas or electricity supply shall maintain such reserves of coal for the purposes of its undertaking as the Controller may determine, and shall report to the Local Fuel Overseer or Overseers concerned and to the Controller any case in which its reserve of coal is not maintained.

The Controller or the Local Fuel Overseer with the assent of the Controller may in such event direct such general reduction or limitation in the supply of gas or electricity to consumers as he may deem necessary to provide against a failure of supply.

PART VII.—THE SALE OF COAL.

Maximum Prices to be Fixed.

60. The Controller, or such persons as he may authorize in writing, or the Local Fuel Overseer with the assent of the Controller, may from time to time determine the maximum prices for coal coming within the scope of this Order.

Where coal is sold for resale, the maximum prices for such coal at every stage shall be determined under this Order, in so far as they are not already determined by the Wholesale Coal Prices Order, 1917, or any amendment thereof.

Maximum Prices and Terms to be Observed.

61. Coal shall not be offered for sale to, or sold to, or purchased by, consumers at prices exceeding the maximum prices so determined, nor shall any charges be made or paid by any person under any pretext for special services rendered to consumers where such services have

been brought into reckoning in determining the maximum prices.

Restricted Deliveries under Order, Payment for.

62. When coal is delivered in restricted quantities, in consequence of any of the provisions of this Order, such coal shall be charged and paid for at the price appropriate to the quantity delivered, and shall not, unless the consumer so desires, be deemed to be a part delivery in fulfilment of any then outstanding order for a larger quantity.

Coal to be Sold by Weight.

63. Every sale of coal to which the provisions of this Order apply shall be by weight, except that coke may, with the assent of the Local Fuel Overseer, be sold by measure in quantities of 1 cwt. or less, where such has been the previous practice.

Purchases and Sales to be Unconditional.

64. No conditions involving the purchase of any other article or any other payments than those permitted under this Order shall attach to a sale of coal. Where by reason of special circumstances attaching to any delivery or supply of coal the merchant or dealer is of opinion that the cost of such delivery or supply warrants an additional charge, he may apply to the Local Fuel Overseer to have an additional charge per ton or per cwt. determined in respect of such delivery.

No person engaged in the sale or delivery or distribution of any coal shall accept or obtain or agree to accept or endeavour to obtain from any other person for himself or for any other person any gift or any consideration (other than the monies properly payable by reason of such sale, delivery or distribution) as an inducement or reward for selling or delivering or distributing any coal to one purchaser or receiver in priority or in preference to another purchaser or receiver; and no person shall give or agree to give or offer any such gift or consideration.

"Consideration" includes valuable consideration of any kind.

Public Notice of Current or Maximum Prices.

65. A notice, in a form to be approved by the Controller, of the maximum prices determined for any district or such less prices as may be charged, shall be exhibited and kept exhibited in a conspicuous position in all offices or other places at which orders for the sale or delivery of coal are received and in the office or offices to be established under clause 21 hereof.

Where prices are charged in accordance with such notice, such notice shall be *prima facie* evidence that such charging of prices is authorized and that the prices charged are correct.

Prices to be Exhibited by Hawkers and Trolley Men.

66. Subject to any bye-law of any Local Authority, no person being the owner of or employed in connection with or in charge of a vehicle offering for sale from such vehicle coal in quantities not exceeding 2 cwt. shall sell or offer for sale such coal unless there shall be affixed on prominent and conspicuous parts of such vehicle, so as to be visible on both sides thereof, metal tablets on which shall be clearly marked in a permanent and legible manner the