The Committee may issue—

(a) a Special Permit for the supply of coal in pursuance of an enquiry made therefor, or

(b) a General Permit for the supply of coal in circumstances such that in the opinion of the Committee it is unnecessary, in order to avoid competition between Owners, that a Special Permit should be issued in respect of each enquiry for coal.

(2) Every Permit shall state—

(a) the name of the Owner to whom it is issued;

(3) the maximum tonnage of coal, and the commercial description of coal, which may be supplied thereunder;

(c) the price below which the coal shall not be supplied, or the actual price at which the coal may be supplied, and the maximum discount, commission, or credit, which may be allowed by the Owner;

(d) the period within which the coal may be supplied, and any limitation upon the tonnages which may be supplied during any part of such period; and,

(e) any special conditions of sale:

Provided that no General Permit shall be issued for the supply in any month of a tonnage of coal of more than 2 per cent. of the quarterly basic tonnage of the coal mine of that Owner for that quarter, or 100 tons, whichever is the greater.

(3) In addition

(a) every Special Permit shall state the name of the customer to whom the coal may be supplied, and

(b) every General Permit shall state the class of customer to whom, or the markets in which, the coal may be supplied, and the maximum tonnage of coal which may be supplied to any customer under any one contract.

(4) Any Permit for the supply of coal for resale by the customer may state—

(a) the market or area in which the coal may be resold; and

(b) the price below which the coal may not be resold, and the maximum discount, commission, or credit, which may be allowed by the customer.

It shall be a term of the Permit that coal shall be supplied by the Owner thereunder only if the customer agrees to observe such conditions.

(5) No Owner shall supply coal from his coal mine otherwise than under and in accordance with the terms of a Permit issued to him:

Provided that an Owner may supply coal without a Permit—

(a) for use in working the coal mine;

(b) free or at reduced rates for the use of persons who are or have been employed in or about the coal mine, and the dependants of persons who have been so employed; and

(c) in accordance with the provisions of Clause 53 of the Scheme for consumption in any excluded works of that Owner.

55.—(1) No Owner shall supply coal under a Permit so that the actual consideration received by him is less in value than the price stated in the Permit below which that coal shall not be supplied, or differs from the actual price at which that coal may be supplied, as the case may be; and in particular no Owner shall make, allow, or give, or agree to make, allow, or give, any gift, discount, commission, rebate, extended credit or allowance in respect of the price, quantity or weight of the coal or otherwise, other than any discount, commission or credit allowed by the Permit.

(2) No Owner shall without the consent of the Sales Committee supply any additional tonnage of coal, or make any allowance or reduction in price, in consequence of complaint by a customer in regard to short weight or the quality of coal in any consignment.

(3) If any part of the consideration payable for any coal supplied under a Permit has not been received by the Owner by the due date, he shall inform the Sales Committee thereof, and shall take such steps as they may direct to enforce the contract.

(4) Any Owner who acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Clause shall be deemed to have supplied coal otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the Permit issued in respect of the supply of that coal.

56. Permits may be issued upon an application therefor by an Owner or otherwise.

57. Any Owner, who receives an enquiry for the supply of coal from his coal mine (other than an enquiry for coal which he is permitted and intends to supply under a General Permit or without a Permit), shall forthwith inform the Sales Committee thereof, stating by whom the coal is required, and giving particulars of the quantity and description of coal and the date for delivery thereof, and shall also furnish any other particulars which may be required by the Committee.

58.—(1) The Sales Committee shall allocate Permits to the Owners in such manner as is fair and equitable, and so that as far as possible the Owners can in every quarter supply:—

(a) coal for inland supply (otherwise than to their excluded works) in proportion to the quarterly basic tonnages of their respective coal mines;

(b) coal for export supply in proportion to the quarterly export supply standard tonnages of their respective coal mines; and

(c) the various commercial descriptions of coal in the proportions in which they are produced from their respective coal mines.

(2) The Committee shall also have regard to the customers to whom, and the markets in which, each Owner has been accustomed to sell the coal from his coal mine, and generally to the goodwill of each Owner.

(3) Before issuing a Permit for the supply of coal otherwise than at a pithead price, the Committee shall consider any representations made by the Owner to whom the Permit is to be issued with regard to the costs and charges which would be incurred by him in connection with the conveyance of that coal.

59.—(1) Any Owner, who is not able or does not intend to supply coal under any Special Permit issued to him, or to supply the maximum tonnage permitted thereunder,