

TARANAKI, WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH, AND NELSON  
**GROCCERS' SUNDRIES (GENERAL) EMPLOYEES.—AWARD**

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In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Taranaki, Wellington, Marlborough, and Nelson Industrial Districts.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the Wellington, Taranaki, Marlborough, Nelson, and Canterbury Grocers' Sundries, Chemical, and Related Products' Factory Employees' Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter called "the union") and the undermentioned persons, firms, and companies (hereinafter called "the employers") :—

*Wellington*

Ados Chemical Co., Ltd., corner of Hutt Road and Wakefield Street, Petone.

Allans Products, Howes Lane, Wellington.

Aspro Ltd., Marion Street, Wellington.

Berry, Henry, and Co., 79 Dixon Street, Wellington.

Bristol-Meyers Ltd., Trojan House, Manners Street, Wellington.

British Laboratories, 80 Jervois Quay, Wellington.

C.O. Products, Ltd., Polish Manufacturers, 163 Adelaide Road, Wellington.

Cooper, F., Ltd., Seedsmen, Dixon Street, Wellington.

Chemical Manufacturing Co., Ngahauranga, Wellington.

Comstock, W. H., and Co., 6 Farish Street, Wellington.

Cyclax Ltd. (N.Z.), 162 Lambton Quay, Wellington.

Combined Distributors, Thorndon Quay, Wellington.

Dominion Polish Co., 80 Tory Street, Wellington.

Duval, Paul, 328 Lambton Quay, Wellington.

Empire Manufacturing Co., Hopper Street, Wellington.

Eno, J. C., Ltd., 104-108 Dixon Street, Wellington.

Excelsior Supply Co., Victoria Street, Wellington.

Grant, E. F. S., 357 Main Road, Karori, Wellington.

Hardy, R. M., 33 Bond Street, Wellington.

Hillcastle Ltd., Wakefield Street, Wellington.

Hodder and Tolley, Fielding.

Icilma Co., Jackson Street, Petone.

Joy Products, Ltd., Holland Street, Wellington.

Karitane Products, Ltd., Melrose, Wellington.

Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co., Victoria Street, Wellington.

King Kream Products, Ltd., Dundas Street, Wellington.

Kolynos Ltd. (N.Z.), Lambton Quay, Wellington.

Lambert Pharmaceutical Co., 64 Ghuznee Street, Wellington.

Lempriere, C. B., and Co., 15 Blair Street, Wellington.

Macalister, T. A., Ltd., 37 Harris Street, Wellington.

Middows Bros. and Taylor, Ltd., 107 Customhouse Quay, Wellington.

Margo-Margarine, 183 Rintoul Street, Wellington.

Newson and Co., Herbert Street, Wellington.

Nugget Boot Polish Co., Herbert Street, Wellington.

Osmond and Sons, Knigge Avenue, Wellington.

Pepsodent Co., Ltd., Hannah's Buildings, Lambton Quay, Wellington.

Peterson, S. W., and Co., 165 Vivian Street, Wellington.

Premier Products, Ltd., Huddart Parker Buildings, Wellington.  
 Q-Tol Laboratories, Ltd., Thorndon Quay, Wellington.  
 Rawleigh, W. T., and Co., 99 Tory Street, Wellington.  
 Sydal Proprietary, Ltd., 156 Willis Street, Wellington.  
 Salmond and Spraggon, Manuka Street, Miramar, Wellington.  
 Taylor, E. T., and Co., 71 Courtenay Place, Wellington.  
 Techni-Chemical Products, Ltd., 21 Edward Street, Wellington.  
 Wilson Chemical Co., 292-296 Taranaki Street, Wellington.

*Palmerston North*

Elco Products, Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, Palmerston North.  
 Loudin Bros., Ltd., Drench-manufacturers, 304 Church Street,  
 Palmerston North.  
 Glaxo Laboratories, Manufacturing Chemists, Bunnythorpe.  
 Summit Mineral Food Co., Poultry and Stock Foods, 517 Main  
 Street, Palmerston North.  
 Wonder Stock Food, 88 Princess Street, Box 159, Palmerston North.

*Wanganui*

Whitlock and Sons (Condiments), 24 London Street, Wanganui.  
 Thompson, Lewis, and Co., Campbell Place, Wanganui.  
 Farmers' Industries, Ltd., Taupo Quay, Wanganui.  
 Smith and Smith, Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.  
 Wanganui Egg Circle, 46 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

*Masterton*

Hansell Laboratories, Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, Masterton.

*Napier*

Plowman, W., and Sons, Ltd., Battery Road, Port Ahuriri.  
 Murtons Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, Coronation Street, Napier.  
 Mercer, H. E., Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists, Emmerson Street,  
 Napier.

*Hastings*

Kempthorne, Prosser, and Co., Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists,  
 Karamu Road, Hastings.  
 Vidal, A. J., and Sons, Avenue Road, East Hastings.

*Waipukurau*

Dennes Ice Cream Co., Ruataniwha Street, Waipukurau.

*New Plymouth*

Boniglo Manufacturing Co., 58 Gill Street, New Plymouth.  
 Eggleton, A. S., and Sons, Veterinary Supplies, 50 Devon Street,  
 New Plymouth.  
 Nutritive Foods Co., Ltd. (Royalty), 58 Gill Street, New Plymouth.  
 Newton-King, New Plymouth.

*Hawera*

Goodwin and Davy, Cambria Street, Hawera.  
 Farmers' Co-operative, Union Street, Hawera.  
 Hodder and Tolley, Hawera.  
 Linnell and Co., Almond Paste Manufacturers, Princess Street,  
 Hawera.

*Stratford*

Stratford Egg Circle (Carmen and Co.), Stratford.

*Blenheim*

Bright, S. T., Poultry Foods, Maxwell Road, Blenheim.  
 Ovoline Proprietary Co., Ltd. (C. J. Penny, Manager), corner of  
 Charles and Henry Streets, Blenheim.

*Seddon*

Grassmere Salt Works, Seddon, Marlborough.

*Nelson*

Neal and Haddow, Ltd., Poultry Foods, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.  
 James Baird and Co., Poultry Foods, 47 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.  
 Pattern Co. (The), Ltd., Cosmetics, 88 Vanguard Street, Nelson.  
 Park Davis Trading Co. (Agents, Hayward Bros.), 18 Lower Hardy  
 Street, Nelson.

THE Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Court"), having taken into consideration the terms of settlement arrived at in the above-mentioned dispute and forwarded directly to the Court pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act (No. 2), 1939, doth hereby order and award:—

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided, and shall continue in force until the 19th day of July, 1950, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 89 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 18th day of August, 1948.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

## SCHEDULE

*Industry to which Award applies*

1. This award shall apply to—

(a) Manual workers employed in the manufacture, processing, bottling, canning, tinning, packaging, packing, labelling, wrapping, mixing, grinding of—

(i) Chemical products and/or groceries' sundries, including—

Baking-powder.	Lunch wraps.
Blue.	Malt extract.
Cereal foods.	Margarine.
Chutneys.	Peanut butter.
Cleansing preparations.	Plunket preparations.
Cocoa.	Polishes.
Coffee (grinding).	Preserved ginger.
Condiments.	Proprietary and/or
Cooking preparations.	patent medicines.
Corn-flour.	Salt.
Crystallized and dried	Sandwich spreads.
fruits and peels.	Sanitary towels.
Custard-powder.	Seeds (packing all
Disinfectants.	types).
Eggs.	Soup-powder.
Emulsions.	Spices.
Essences.	Starch.
Foodstuffs or tablets.	Syrups.
Fruit juice.	Tea (packing).
Honey.	Toilet preparations.
Harness-dressing.	Vegetable extract.
Icing-sugar.	Vinegar.
Ink (other than printers'	Weetbix and similar
ink).	products.
Insecticides.	Yeast.
Jelly crystals.	

(ii) Chemical products for veterinary, household, medicinal, manufacturing, processing, preserving, or garden use or for use as foods.

(b) Manual workers employed in cleaning and packeting seeds for retail distribution.

(c) Other manual workers (excepting engineers, engine-drivers, and firemen) employed at work ancillary to the industry, including the making, from any class of material, of containers for use in the factory, but shall not apply to workers

who are substantially employed at work coming within the scope of any award in force made by the Court of Arbitration or of any industrial agreement in force made in accordance with the rules of any other industrial union.

Workers employed at work ancillary to the industry shall be paid not less than the rates provided in the appropriate award or industrial agreement while so employed.

### *Hours of Work*

2. (a) Forty hours shall constitute a week's work, and eight hours in any day shall constitute a day's work. The daily hours shall be worked between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday, both days inclusive.

(b) Five shifts may be worked per week as required by the employer: Provided that where shifts are worked eight hours shall constitute a full shift. Workers working shifts shall be paid 3s. per shift in addition to the ordinary rates of pay prescribed in clause 4 hereof for each shift worked outside the ordinary working-hours as prescribed in subclause (a) hereof. Shift-workers shall be allowed an interval of half an hour for a meal without deduction from pay, and the hours of work shall be continuous. A worker required to work for less than three consecutive shifts shall not be deemed to be a shift-worker, but shall be paid for such work at overtime rates.

### *Meal-hours*

3. Not less than three-quarters of an hour shall be allowed for meals, unless mutually agreed to by the employer and worker and approved by the union representative.

### *Wages*

4. The following shall be the minimum rates of wages:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
(a) Adult male workers .. .. .	6	5	0
(b) Junior male workers—			
16–16½ years of age .. .. .	1	10	6
16½–17 years of age .. .. .	1	17	0
17–17½ years of age .. .. .	2	4	0
17½–18 years of age .. .. .	2	10	6
18–19 years of age .. .. .	3	0	0
19–20 years of age .. .. .	3	10	6
20–21 years of age .. .. .	4	6	0

		Per Week.		
		£	s.	d.
(c)	Adult females .. ..	4	0	0
(d)	Junior females—			
	First six months .. ..	1	8	6
	Second six months .. ..	1	14	6
	Third six months .. ..	2	0	7
	Fourth six months .. ..	2	6	8
	Fifth six months .. ..	2	13	3
	Sixth six months .. ..	3	0	0
	Seventh six months .. ..	3	7	0
Thereafter, or on attaining the age of twenty-one years, not less than £4 per week.				

#### *Casual Workers*

5. Workers employed for less than one week shall be deemed to be casuals, and shall be paid not less than the following rates:—

		Per Hour.	
		s.	d.
Adult males .. ..	.. ..	3	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Adult females .. ..	.. ..	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$

#### *Overtime*

6. (a) All time worked in excess of the hours prescribed in clause 2 hereof shall count as overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter. For the purpose of computing overtime, work done up to and including half an hour shall be deemed half an hour, and work done for any period exceeding half an hour and up to one hour shall count as one hour.

(b) The minimum rate of payment per hour shall be not less than 1s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

(c) When any worker is required to work overtime on any day the employer shall provide a meal or pay such worker 2s. to enable him or her to obtain a meal, unless such worker has been notified on the day previous that he or she shall be required to work overtime: Provided that when such notice has been given and the worker's services are not required, he or she shall receive the meal allowance.

#### *Payment of Wages*

7. Wages shall be paid weekly and in cash on any day not later than Thursday and in the employer's time. Workers shall be paid immediately upon discharge.

*Terms of Employment*

8. (a) The employment shall be deemed to be a weekly employment, and no deduction shall be made from the weekly wages payable hereunder except for time lost through the default or sickness of the worker or by reason of accident not arising out of and in the course of employment.

(b) Not less than seven days' notice shall be given by either party of the termination of employment, except in the case of casual workers: Provided that nothing in this sub-clause shall prevent an employer from summarily dismissing any worker for wilful misconduct.

*Certificate of Service*

9. Each worker, on leaving or being discharged from his or her employment, shall, on request, within twenty-four hours thereafter, receive a certificate of service in writing stating the position held and the length of service. Original references shall be the property of the worker and shall be returned within forty-eight hours after engagement.

*Dangerous Work*

10. (a) The employer shall, in the case of workers engaged in the working of any chemical process which is dangerous to the health of the workers, provide respirators, gloves, and such other equipment as will be deemed satisfactory to the Health Department.

(b) In all cases where the use of respirators is essential, the workers shall be paid an extra 6d. per hour for all time so occupied.

*Holidays*

11. (a) The following shall be recognized as holidays: New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and the birthday of the reigning Sovereign.

(b) Payment for the said holidays shall be made at the same rate as for an ordinary working-day when any of the said holidays falls upon an ordinary working-day—i.e., Monday to Friday, both days inclusive.

(c) Payment of wages for the said holidays shall be made to all persons who have been employed in the factory at any time during the fortnight ending on the day on which the holiday occurs.

(d) Should any of the above holidays fall on a Saturday or Sunday, then for the purposes of this award they shall be observed on the following Monday.

(e) Any work done on Sunday or any of the above-mentioned holidays, or holidays observed in lieu thereof, shall be paid for at double time rates. The said payment shall be in addition to the ordinary weekly wage.

(f) Should any of the above holidays not be generally observed in any locality, another day may be observed in lieu thereof.

(g) Annual holidays shall be allowed in accordance with the provisions of the Annual Holidays Act, 1944.

#### *General Conditions*

12. (a) Boiling water shall be supplied for meals.

(b) Workers employed in damp or wet places shall be supplied with gum boots, and female workers with rubber aprons or overalls.

(c) Female workers shall not handle more than 28 lb. single-handed.

(d) Boys under sixteen years of age shall not handle more than 56 lb. single-handed.

(e) This award shall not operate so as to reduce the wages of any worker during his or her present employment.

(f) A "smoke-oh" of ten minutes shall be allowed each morning and afternoon.

#### *Accommodation*

13. The employer shall supply suitable dining and lavatory accommodation, as required by the Factories Act, together with facilities for changing clothes, also hot water for washing hands.

#### *First-aid Kits*

14. First-aid kits shall be provided in all factories and shall be in charge of a responsible person.

#### *Disputes*

15. The essence of this award being that the work of the employers shall not on any account whatsoever be impeded but shall always proceed as if no dispute had arisen, it is provided that if any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties bound by this award, or any of them, as to any matter whatsoever arising out of or connected herewith and not dealt with in this award, every such dispute or difference

shall be referred to a committee to be composed of two representatives of each side, together with an independent chairman to be mutually agreed upon or, in default of agreement, to be appointed by the Conciliation Commissioner for the district. Either side shall have the right to appeal to the Court within fourteen days after such decision has been made known to the party desirous of appealing.

#### *Right of Entry Upon Premises*

16. (a) The secretary or other authorized officer of the union of workers shall, with the consent of the employer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), be entitled to enter at all reasonable times upon the premises or works and there interview any workers, but not so as to interfere unreasonably with the employer's business.

(b) The employer shall supply a list of worker's names, if requested by the secretary of the union, not more often than once in every three months.

#### *Workers to be Members of Union*

17. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, it shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this award to employ or to continue to employ in any position or employment subject to this award any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this award.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of eighteen years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this award for workers of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(c) Every person who, being obliged to become a member of any union by the operation of the foregoing provisions, fails to become a member of that union when requested so to do by his employer or any officer or representative of the union, commits a breach of this award, and shall be liable accordingly.

(NOTE.—Attention is drawn to subsection (4) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, which gives to workers the right to join the union).

#### *Workers other than Adults*

18. If and so long as the rules of the union permit any worker employed in any position or employment subject to this award who is under the age of eighteen years to become a

member of the union without ballot or other election, and upon payment of not more than half the payments provided by the rules of the union for adult workers, such worker may become a member of the union, and if such worker neglects to become a member of the union within two weeks from the date of employment the employer may, if requested so to do by the union, dismiss such worker, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified and of similar status and ready and willing to perform the particular work required to be done.

#### *Under-rate Workers*

19. (a) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed, on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

#### *Exemptions*

20. (a) Notwithstanding the hours of work prescribed herein, five and a half hours without an interval for a meal may be worked on the distillation plant of Stevenson and

Howell, Ltd., 97 Ghuznee Street, Wellington, and the peroxide plant of the Fluenzol Pty., Ltd., 167-171 Thorndon Quay, Wellington.

(b) Any other employer installing plant of the nature of that in subclause (a) hereof shall be similarly exempted.

#### *Application of Award*

21. This award shall apply to the original parties named herein, and shall extend to and bind as subsequent party hereto every trade-union, industrial union, industrial association, or employer who, not being an original party hereto, is, when this award comes into force or at any time whilst this award is in force, connected with or engaged in the industry to which this award applies within the industrial districts to which this award relates.

#### *Scope of Award*

22. This award shall operate throughout the Taranaki, Wellington, Marlborough, and Nelson Industrial Districts.

#### *Term of Award*

23. This award, in so far as it relates to wages, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 19th day of July, 1948, and so far as all the other conditions of this award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 19th day of July, 1950.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 18th day of August, 1948.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

#### MEMORANDUM

The award embodies the terms of settlement arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

Wages have been made payable retrospectively, in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

The rates of remuneration prescribed in this award are *not* to be increased by the application of the provisions of the Court's general orders of 9th August, 1940, and 31st March, 1942.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.