

Price Order No. 181 (Onions)

PURSUANT to the powers conferred on it by the Control of Prices Emergency Regulations 1939,\* the Price Tribunal, acting with the authority of the Minister of Industries and Commerce, doth hereby make the following Price Order:—

PRELIMINARY

1. This Order may be cited as Price Order No. 181, and shall come into force on the 3rd day of December, 1943.
2. (1) Price Order No. 129† is hereby revoked.  
(2) The revocation of the said Price Order shall not affect the liability of any person for any offence in relation thereto committed before the coming into force of this Order.
3. (1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
“The said regulations” means the Control of Prices Emergency Regulations 1939\*;  
“Distributor”, in relation to any lot of onions, means a wholesaler, as defined in the said regulations, who sells those onions otherwise than to a retailer for purposes of retail sale;  
“Grower”, in relation to onions, means a person engaged in the business of growing onions for sale;  
“Grower’s station”, in relation to any grower, means the railway-station that is nearest or most convenient of access to the grower’s premises;  
The expression “f.o.r.s.i.” means free on rail, sacks or other containers included.  
(2) References in this Order to grades are references to the grades of onions determined in accordance with the Board of Trade (Onion) Regulations 1938‡.  
(3) Terms and expressions defined in the said regulations and used in this Order have the meanings severally assigned thereto by the said regulations.
4. Subject to any general or specific directions that may be given by or on behalf of the Tribunal, any expenses that are reasonably incurred by a wholesaler or retailer in undertaking the transport of any onions at his own expense may be regarded for the purposes of this Order as if they were transport charges paid by him, and the maximum price of any onions sold by him shall be determined accordingly.
5. The provisions of this Order shall apply notwithstanding that any onions to which the Order is applicable are sold otherwise than by weight.
6. The minimum and maximum prices fixed by this Order apply with respect to sales by auction as well as to other sales.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

7. (1) This Order applies with respect to the sale for human consumption of all onions grown in New Zealand (except onions of the type known to the trade as “spring onions” and “shallots”) that are sold on or before the 30th day of November, 1944, by any grower, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer.  
(2) Every sale of any such onions shall be deemed to be a sale for human consumption unless at the time of the sale there is a bona fide agreement or stipulation between the buyer and the seller that the onions to which the sale relates are intended for a specific purpose other than human consumption.

FIXING PRICES OF ONIONS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

Growers’ Prices

8. (1) The minimum price that may be charged or received by any grower for any f.a.q. onions or pickler-grade onions to which this Order applies shall be at the rate of £8 per ton, f.o.r.s.i. the grower’s station.  
(2) The maximum price that may be charged or received by any grower for any onions to which this Order applies shall be at the rate of the appropriate price prescribed in the following scale, namely:—
- |                                      | Pickler Grade. | Other Onions to which this Order applies. |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
|                                      | Per Ton.       | Per Ton.                                  |                                    |
|                                      | £              | £   |                                    |
| For delivery in January, 1944        | 15             | 13  | } F.o.r.s.i. the grower’s station. |
| For delivery in February, 1944       | 15             | 12  |                                    |
| For delivery in March or April, 1944 | 15             | 10  |                                    |
| For delivery in May, 1944            | 15             | 11  |                                    |
| For delivery in June, 1944           | 15             | 13  |                                    |
| For delivery in July, 1944           | 15             | 15  |                                    |
| For delivery in August, 1944         | 15             | 18  |                                    |
| For delivery in September, 1944      | 15             | 21  |                                    |
| For delivery in October, 1944        | 15             | 24  |                                    |
| For delivery in November, 1944       | 15             | 30  |                                    |

(3) Where any onions sold by a grower are delivered by him otherwise than f.o.r.s.i. the grower’s station, the minimum or the maximum price, as the case may be, charged by the grower shall be the price fixed in accordance with subclause (1) or subclause (2) hereof, increased by the amount of the charges (if any) incurred by him in effecting delivery, and then reduced by the amount of the charges that would have been incurred by him if he had delivered the onions f.o.r.s.i. the grower’s station.

Distributors’ Prices

9. The maximum price that may be charged or received by any distributor for any onions to which this Order applies shall be at the rate of a price per ton equal to the sum of the following amounts:—  
(a) The price per ton actually paid or payable to the grower by the same or any other distributor;  
(b) The grading, transport, or other charges (if any) actually paid by the same or any other distributor on each ton of the onions;  
(c) An amount computed at the rate of 25s. per ton.

Wholesalers’ Prices

10. (1) The maximum price that may be charged or received by any wholesaler for any onions to which this Order applies and which are sold by him to a retailer for purposes of retail sale shall be at the rate of a price per ton equal to the sum of the following amounts:—  
(a) The price per ton actually paid or payable by the wholesaler to the grower or any other person;  
(b) The transport or other charges (if any) payable by the wholesaler on each ton of the onions;  
(c) An amount equal to 2½ per cent. of the sum of the amounts specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof (to cover the estimated loss due to shrinkage or other natural causes);  
(d) An amount computed at the rate of 30s. a ton for lots of ½ ton or more, and computed at the rate of 40s. a ton for lots of less than ½ ton.  
(2) For the purposes of this Order, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said regulations, any person who sells any onions by retail in quantities of not less than 5 cwt. to any one purchaser for delivery at one time shall in respect of such sale be deemed to be a wholesaler, and the provisions of the last preceding subclause shall apply accordingly with respect to every such sale.

Retailers’ Prices

11. (1) Except as provided in subclause (2) of the last preceding clause and subject to the provisions of subclauses (3), (4), (5), and (6) hereof, the maximum price that may be charged or received by any retailer for any onions to which this Order applies shall be at the rate of a price per pound equal to the sum of the following amounts:—  
(a) The price per pound actually paid or payable by the retailer for the onions;  
(b) The transport or other charges (if any) paid or payable by the retailer on each pound of the onions;  
(c) An amount equal to 33½ per cent. of the sum of the amounts specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof.  
(2) The retail price of any onions, computed in accordance with the last preceding subclause, shall be calculated by reference to the prices and weights disclosed in the appropriate invoices.  
(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing provisions of this clause, but subject to the provisions of subclauses (4) and (5) hereof, the retail price of any onions to which this Order applies shall not in any case exceed a price at the rate of the appropriate price prescribed in the following scale, namely:—

	Pickler Grade.	Other Onions to which this Order applies.	
		Per-Pound.	Per Pound.
For onions sold in the months of—	d.	d.	d.
December, 1943	.. ..	.. ..	7
January, 1944	.. ..	3½	3
February, 1944	.. ..	3½	2½
March, 1944	.. ..	3½	2½
April, 1944	.. ..	3½	2½
May, 1944	.. ..	3½	2½
June, 1944	.. ..	3½	3
July, 1944	.. ..	3½	3½
August, 1944	.. ..	3½	3½
September, 1944	.. ..	3½	4½
October, 1944	.. ..	3½	4½
November, 1944	.. ..	3½	5½

(4) Where any onions to which this Order applies are sold by retail in lots of 5 lb., or 10 lb., or 25 lb., or 50 lb., or 100 lb., the maximum price shall not in any case exceed the appropriate price prescribed in the following scale, namely:—

Where the Maximum Retail Price (as fixed by the last preceding Subclause) is	Maximum Retail Price per Lot of				
	5 lb.	10 lb.	25 lb.	50 lb.	100 lb.
2½d. ..	s. d. 1 0½	s. d. 2 0½	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 9 9	s. d. 19 0
2½d. ..	.. 1 1½	.. 2 3	.. 5 6	.. 10 9	.. 21 0
3d. ..	.. 1 2½	.. 2 5	.. 6 0	.. 11 9	.. 23 0
3½d. ..	.. 1 4	.. 2 7½	.. 6 6	.. 12 9	.. 25 0
3½d. ..	.. 1 6½	.. 3 0½	.. 7 6	.. 14 9	.. 28 9
4½d. ..	.. 1 9	.. 3 5½	.. 8 6	.. 16 9	.. 32 9
4½d. ..	.. 1 11½	.. 3 10	.. 9 6	.. 18 9	.. 36 6
5½d. ..	.. 2 3	.. 4 5½	.. 11 0	.. 21 9	.. 42 3
7d. ..	.. 2 10	.. 5 8	.. 14 0	.. 27 6	.. 53 9

\* Statutory Regulations, 1939, Serial number 1939/275, page 1057.  
† Gazette, 25th March, 1943, Vol. I, page 367.  
‡ Statutory Regulations, 1938, Serial number 1938/25, page 121.