

Computation of Distributors' and Wholesalers' Prices by Reference to Average Prices

15. In computing the maximum price that may be charged by any distributor or by any wholesaler for potatoes that have been acquired by him in different lots at different prices, the appropriate maximum price may, with the general or special approval of the Tribunal, and subject to any conditions that may be imposed by the Tribunal, be computed by reference to the average of the several prices paid for such potatoes.

Distributors and Other Wholesalers to specify Grades of Potatoes on Relevant Invoices

16. (1) Every distributor or other wholesaler who sells any potatoes to which this Order applies shall specify in the relevant invoices, with respect to each item, the grade of the potatoes comprised in the item.

(2) For the purposes of this clause the term "grade" with respect to any lot of potatoes means, as the case may require, "tagged" or "f.a.q." or "under-grade."

Retailers' Prices

17. (1) Subject to the following provisions of this clause, the maximum price that may be charged or received by any retailer for potatoes, whether grown in New Zealand or imported into New Zealand, shall not exceed the sum of the following amounts:—

- (a) The price actually paid or payable by the retailer for the potatoes:
- (b) Any grading, transport, or other charges actually paid or payable by the retailer:
- (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 potatoes, 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 potatoes to which this Order applies shall not in any case exceed:—

- (a) In the case of potatoes sold at any place within the provincial districts of Canterbury and Otago—
 - If sold during the months of March to July, 1945 (inclusive) 1½d. per lb.
 - If sold during the months of August to November, 1945 (inclusive) (or thereafter while this Order is in force) 2d. per lb.
- (b) In the case of potatoes sold at any place within the Metropolitan Areas of Auckland or Wellington, or within the cities or boroughs of New Plymouth, Wanganui, Napier, Gisborne, Picton, Blenheim, Nelson, Greymouth, Westport, or Hokitika—
 - If sold during the months of March to July, 1945 (inclusive) 2d. per lb.
 - If sold during the months of August to November, 1945 (inclusive) (or thereafter while this Order is in force) 2½d. per lb.
- (c) In the case of potatoes sold elsewhere in New Zealand—
 - If sold during the months of March to July, 1945 (inclusive) 2½d. per lb.
 - If sold during the months of August to November, 1945 (inclusive) (or thereafter while this Order is in force) 2½d. per lb.

(4) Where any potatoes to which this Order applies are sold by retail in lots of 14 lb. or 28 lb. or 56 lb. or 112 lb., the maximum retail price shall not in any case exceed:—

	Maximum Retail Price per Lot of—			
	14 lb.	28 lb.	56 lb.	112 lb.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1½d. per lb.	1 11	3 9	7 6	15 0
2d. per lb.	2 2	4 4	8 8	17 3
2½d. per lb.	2 6	4 10	9 8	19 3
2½d. per lb.	2 9	5 5	10 10	21 6

(5) Where any potatoes to which this Order applies are sold by retail in any lot exceeding 14 lb., but otherwise than in a lot of the actual weight specified in the last preceding subclause, the maximum price per pound of any surplus over 14 lb. or over any multiple of 14 lb. (being less in every case than 14 lb.) shall be the appropriate maximum price fixed by subclause (3) hereof.

(6) If in respect of any lot of potatoes sold by a retailer the maximum price, calculated in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this clause, is not an exact number of pence or half-pence (in the case of a lot less than 5 lb.) or is not an exact number of pence (in the case of a lot of 5 lb. or more), the maximum price of the lot shall be the next highest halfpenny or the next highest penny, as the case may be. The provisions of this subclause shall apply notwithstanding that in any case the retailer purports to sell any potatoes otherwise than by weight.

(7) For the purposes of this clause the price paid or payable by a retailer for any lot of potatoes and the grading, transport, and other charges paid or payable by him in respect of the same lot, shall be apportioned evenly over the whole lot, and the price and charges paid or payable by the retailer for each 1 lb. of potatoes included in the lot shall be determined accordingly.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (b) of subclause (3) of this clause the Auckland Metropolitan Area shall be deemed to comprise the City of Auckland, the boroughs of Birkenhead, Devonport, Ellerslie, Mount Albert, Mount Eden, New Lynn, Newmarket, Northcote, Onehunga, One Tree Hill, Otahuhu, and Takapuna, and the road districts of Mount Roskill, Mount Wellington, and Panmure Township; and the Wellington Metropolitan Area shall be deemed to comprise the cities of Wellington and Lower Hutt, the boroughs of Eastbourne and Petone, and the Johnsonville Town District.

18. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Order and subject to such conditions, if any, as it thinks fit, the Tribunal, on application by any retailer, may authorize special maximum retail prices in respect of any potatoes to which this Order applies where for any reason extraordinary freight charges are incurred by the retailer in obtaining delivery from the source of supply that is nearest or most convenient of access to him. Any authority given by the Tribunal under this clause may apply with respect to a specified lot or consignment of potatoes or may relate generally to all potatoes to which this Order applies sold by the retailer while the approval remains in force.

Retailers to exhibit Prices

19. Every retailer who offers or exposes any potatoes to which this Order applies for sale in any shop shall keep in a prominent position in such proximity to the potatoes to which it relates as to be obviously descriptive thereof a ticket, placard, or label on which shall be stated in legible and prominent characters the retail price per pound of the potatoes.

Dated at Wellington, this 21st day of February, 1945.

The Seal of the Price Tribunal was affixed hereto in the presence of—

[L.S.] W. J. HUNTER (Judge), President.
H. L. WISE, Member.