

Price Order No. 965 (Meat—Retail)

PURSUANT to the Control of Prices Act, 1947, 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. 965.
2. This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of February, 1949.
3. (1) Price Orders Nos. 768,* 769†, 827‡, 828§, 843||, 844||, and 884** are hereby revoked.
- (2) The revocation of the said Price Orders shall not affect the liability of any person for any offence in relation thereto committed before the coming into force of this Order.

4. (1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Abattoir district” means an abattoir district constituted in accordance with the Meat Act, 1939:

“Frozen meat” means meat that has been held in a freezing chamber until the major portion of the liquid content of the meat has solidified:

“The said specification” means the New Zealand Emergency Standard Specification (as heretofore amended) (No. N.Z.S.S. E. 79) and entitled “Grades of Meat for Sale on the Local Market and Definitions of Joints and Cuts,” declared by the Minister of Industries and Commerce under the authority of section 8 of the Standards Act, 1941, to be a standard specification.

(2) References in this Order to the kind, description, or grade of any meat shall be deemed respectively to be references to the kind, description, or grade of such meat within the meaning and for the purposes of the said specification.

(3) All fresh meat killed in an abattoir district and sold or delivered to a purchaser during the currency of this Order shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be meat of the grade indicated thereon by the distinctive grade marking made pursuant to the said specification.

(4) All fresh meat killed elsewhere than in an abattoir district and sold or delivered to a purchaser during the currency of this Order shall be sold at the appropriate prices fixed for first-grade, second-grade, or third-grade meat that has been killed in an abattoir district according to whether the meat not killed in an abattoir district would have been first-grade, second-grade, or third-grade meat had it in fact been killed and graded in an abattoir district.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

5. (1) Nothing in this Order shall apply with respect to sales of fresh meat during the months of September, October, and November in any year.

(2) Except as provided in subclause (1) hereof, this Order applies only with respect to all retail sales of meat (whether fresh or frozen) of the kinds or descriptions specified in the First Schedule hereto intended for human consumption.

(3) All meat sold or delivered to a purchaser during the currency of this Order shall be deemed to be intended for human consumption unless it is sold for some other specific purpose.

(4) The maximum prices fixed by this Order apply with respect to sales by auction as well as to other sales.

(5) The provisions of this Order shall apply notwithstanding that any meat to which the Order applies is sold otherwise than by weight.

FIXING MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF MEAT TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

6. (1) The maximum retail prices of meat of the kinds and descriptions specified in the First Schedule hereto shall be the appropriate prices prescribed in that Schedule.

(2) The prices prescribed in the First Schedule hereto in respect of fresh meat shall apply during the respective periods indicated in the First and Second Schedules.

(3) The prices fixed by the foregoing provisions of this clause with respect to frozen meat apply to all periods throughout any year.

(4) The prices fixed by the foregoing provisions of this clause with respect to lamb apply only with respect to lamb sold in the year following the year in which the lamb was born.

(5) 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 meat to which this Order applies where for any reason extraordinary charges (freight or otherwise) are incurred by the retailer. Any authority given by the Tribunal under this subclause may apply with respect to a specified lot or consignment of meat or may relate generally to all meat to which this Order applies sold by the retailer while the approval remains in force.

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES

7. (1) The maximum retail prices as aforesaid are fixed in respect of cash sales of meat delivered over the counter.

(2) Where delivery of any meat is effected otherwise than over the counter or where the sale is not for cash, the maximum retail price of that meat shall be the appropriate maximum retail price as fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order, increased by 1d. per pound: Provided that where both such conditions apply the said appropriate maximum retail price shall not be increased by more than 1d. per pound.

(3) No additional charges shall be made by a retailer for wrapping any meat to which this Order applies, or for trimming or other incidental and customary services performed in relation to the retailing of any such meat.

(4) If in respect of any lot of meat the maximum price calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Order is not an exact number of pence or half-pence, the maximum price of the lot shall be computed to the nearest upward halfpenny.

(5) Where a retailer sells any joint or cut of meat which is not in accordance with any one definition in the said specification because it comprises less than the total meat included in any one definition or comprises meat included in more than one definition, the maximum retail price per pound of such joint or cut shall be computed on the basis that the joint or cut comprises the kind, description, and grade of meat included in the definition of which the joint or cut forms part or to which the greater part of such joint or cut conforms.

RETAILERS TO EXHIBIT RETAIL PRICES

8. (1) Every retailer who offers or exposes for sale any joints or cuts of meat to which this Order applies shall affix to each joint or cut a ticket, placard, or label on which the total retail price of such joint or cut shall be stated in legible and prominent characters.

(2) In the case of meat items which in accordance with the customary practice within the trade are offered or exposed for sale otherwise than by the joint or cut, the retailer shall keep in a prominent position in such proximity to the meat to which it relates as to be obviously in relation thereto a ticket, placard, or label showing in legible and prominent characters the retail price per pound or per unit, as the case may be.

FIRST SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF MEAT TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

Kind or Description of Meat.	First Grade. Per Pound.					Second Grade. Per Pound.				Third Grade. Per Pound.			
	A.	B.	C.	D.	Frozen Meat.	A.	B.	C.	D.	A.	B.	C.	D.
<i>Veal</i>	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Fillet	0 11	0 11½	1 0	1 0½	1 0	0 9	0 9½	0 10	0 10½	..	..	..	..
Loin	0 9	0 9½	0 10	0 10½	0 10	0 7	0 7½	0 8	0 8½	..	..	..	..
Stewing	0 6	0 6½	0 7	0 7½	0 7	0 5	0 5½	0 6	0 6½	..	..	..	..
Soup meat	0 4	0 4½	0 5	0 5½	0 5	0 3	0 3½	0 4	0 4½	..	..	..	..
Steak	1 0	1 0½	1 1	1 1½	1 1	0 10	0 10½	0 11	0 11½	..	..	..	..
Rump steak	1 3	1 3½	1 4	1 4½	1 4	1 0	1 0½	1 1	1 1½	..	..	..	..
Cutlets	1 0	1 0½	1 1	1 1½	1 1	0 10	0 10½	0 11	0 11½	..	..	..	..
Rolled	0 10	0 10½	0 11	0 11½	0 11	0 8	0 8½	0 9	0 9½	..	..	..	..
Stuffed	0 11	0 11½	1 0	1 0½	1 0	0 9	0 9½	0 10	0 10½	..	..	..	..

* Gazette, 25th September, 1947, Vol. III, page 1397.

† Gazette, 25th September, 1947, Vol. III, page 1395.

‡ Gazette, 15th January, 1948, Vol. I, page 45.

§ Gazette, 15th January, 1948, Vol. I, page 45.

|| Gazette, 19th February, 1948, Vol. I, page 207.

** Gazette, 19th February, 1948, Vol. I, page 207.

*** Gazette, 3rd June, 1948, Vol. II, page 652.