

Price Order No. 1012 (Substantial Meals)

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. 1012, and shall come into force on the 3rd day of June, 1949.

2. (1) Price Order No. 783* is hereby revoked.

(2) The revocation of the said 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. For the purposes of this Order—

“Public hotel” means any premises in respect of which a publican’s licence or an accommodation licence is in force under the Licensing Act, 1908.

“Private hotel” and “boardinghouse” mean respectively premises where the principal business carried on is the provision of board and lodging for persons resident therein, but do not include any such premises where the number of lodgers usually resident therein is less than five.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

4. (1) This Order does not apply with respect to meals served in any public or private hotel or in any boardinghouse.

(2) Except as provided in the last preceding subclause, this Order applies with respect to all meals of any description specified in the Schedule hereto that are supplied on any premises to members of the general public for consumption on the premises.

5. (1) The amounts specified in the Schedule hereto as authorized additional prices for extras may be charged only for the extras specified and only where the particular extra is supplied with a meal in the group in respect of which the extra is specified.

(2) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to authorize the charging for any meal of an amount in excess of the amount specified in the Schedule for that meal irrespective of whether additional foodstuffs in respect of which no charge is specified are served with the meal.

6. In respect of the service of meals to which this Order applies, the quality and quantity of such meals, and all amenities and services heretofore provided in connection therewith by the purveyor, must be maintained.

7. A menu written in English and showing the prices and details of meals and extras available shall be submitted by the purveyor to each customer when he orders a meal.

8. It shall be the duty of all purveyors of meals to which this Order applies to keep a copy of the Order prominently displayed in his premises in such a position that customers may examine the Order without having to ask for its production, and without having to ask permission to examine it.

FIXING MAXIMUM CHARGES FOR MEALS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of this clause the maximum price that may be charged or received for any meal to which this Order applies shall be the appropriate price specified in the Schedule hereto. An additional charge, not exceeding 6d., may be made in respect of any such meal that is served on Sunday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, the day observed as the Sovereign’s Birthday, or the day observed as the anniversary of the Province in which the meal is served, and an additional charge not exceeding 3d. may be made in respect of any meal that is served on any Saturday that does not fall on one of the said public holidays. In addition to the charges hereinbefore prescribed a charge, not exceeding 6d., may be made in respect of any such meal that is ordered before 7 a.m. on any day or that is ordered after 10 p.m. on any day by a customer who was not waiting to give his order fifteen minutes or more before that hour.

(2) The maximum charges fixed by this Order shall be deemed to include any charge made for the reservation of seats or tables or for any other service incidental to the providing and serving of meals.

(3) A pot or cup of tea or coffee shall be supplied with and deemed part of every meal and, except as provided in the Schedule hereto, no extra charge shall be made for these or for bread and butter, garnishings, or vegetables supplied with any meal.

(4) When the term “salad” is used in the Schedule hereto, other than in Group C, that term shall, for the purposes of this Order, mean a salad comprising either lettuce or a base of lettuce and up to three other ingredients.

(5) For the purpose of this Order a “return” shall be deemed to be a separate meal and, subject to the following provisions of this clause, may be charged for accordingly.

(6) In any case where a partial return only is provided, the additional charge (if any), made therefor shall not exceed a fair proportion of the price chargeable under this Order for the original meal.

(7) Where it is proposed to make an additional charge for a return or a partial return, it shall be the duty of the purveyor, before the order is compiled with, to inform the customer of the amount of the additional charge proposed to be made, and if he fails to do so, he shall not be entitled to make any additional charge.

10. Where any meal is served in respect of which no charge is specified in the Schedule hereto, the charge for that meal shall, unless the price for the meal has been fixed by another Price Order or is the subject of a special price authorization by the Tribunal, be as nearly as possible the price authorized by this Order for an equivalent meal: Provided that no charge for a meal in excess of 1s. 9d. shall be made under the authority of this clause.

11. No purveyor of meals to which this Order relates shall prescribe a minimum charge in respect of meals served on his premises if the minimum charge is in excess of the price fixed for any meal served by the purveyor.

12. Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of this Order and subject to such conditions, if any, as it thinks fit, the Tribunal, on application by any purveyor of meals, may authorize special prices in respect of meals (including extras) where, in its opinion, special circumstances so warrant. Any authority given by the Tribunal under this clause may apply to either a specified class of meals or may relate generally to all meals (including extras) provided by the purveyor while the approval remains in force. Where special prices have been approved under this section, the purveyor shall, at all times during the currency of the approval, cause the Tribunal’s written authorization to be displayed in a prominent position in his restaurant where it may be readily inspected by customers.

SCHEDULE

GROUP A

	Maximum Prices.
	s. d.
Hot joints and cuts—	
Mutton, with two or more vegetables	1 9
Beef, with two or more vegetables	1 9
Lamb, with two or more vegetables	1 9
Pork, with two or more vegetables	1 9
Corned beef, with two or more vegetables	1 9
Any other joint or cut, with two or more vegetables	1 9

NOTE.—Where a joint is ordered and less than two vegetables are offered, then in such case the maximum price fixed for the meal shall be reduced for every vegetable less than two by 3d.

Authorized additional prices for extras in this Group—

Soup	0 3
Sweets	0 6
Milk, 10 oz.	0 6
Returns of milk, 10 oz.	0 3

(Price of milk to be increased or decreased proportionately for quantities greater or less than 10 oz.)

Returns of tea, coffee, or cocoa	0 3
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GROUP B

NOTE.—Except in the case of meals marked † at least two vegetables must be supplied with all meals in this Group. Should less than this number be supplied the maximum price fixed for the meal shall be reduced for every vegetable less than two by 3d.:

Provided, however, that in the case of meals in this Group marked ‡ only potatoes (boiled or chips) need be supplied by way of vegetables, and should potatoes not be supplied the maximum price fixed for the meal shall be reduced by 3d.

	Maximum Prices.
	s. d.
(a) Fish (fried, steamed, baked, boiled, grilled, or smoked)—	
‡Flounder, butterfish, brill, blue cod, sole, or hapuku	2 9
‡All other varieties	2 3
‡Fish cakes, fried	1 9
‡Fish pie, fish and oyster pie, or fish and tomato pie ..	2 0
‡Fish, curried	1 9
‡Tinned sardines, salmon, pilchard, or similar tinned fish, crayfish or similar fish with or without salad	2 3
Extra: Oyster sauce	0 6
Oysters (twelve or more)—	
‡Fried, curried, or stewed—	
In the North Island	2 6
Elsewhere	2 3
‡Uncooked, on shell, or otherwise—	
In the North Island	2 0
Elsewhere	1 9

NOTE.—Where fewer than twelve oysters are served the maximum price shall be reduced for every oyster less than twelve by 1½d. (cooked) and 1d. (uncooked).

‡Whitebait, with sauce or batter	2 6
(b) Grills, with customary garnishings—	
‡Steak (beef), rump, fillet, porterhouse	2 3
‡Steak (beef), any other cut	2 0
‡Steak (veal), any cut	2 3
‡Chops, mutton (two)	2 0
‡Chops, lamb (three)	2 3
‡Chops, pork (two)	2 3
‡Cutlets, French (two)	2 0
‡Cutlets, crumbed (two)	2 0
‡All other cutlets (two)	2 0
‡Pork fillets (two)	2 3
‡Mixed grills of any description. (No additional charge may be made for extras other than soup and sweets)	2 9

(Where less than the specified number of chops or cutlets is provided, the above prices are to be reduced by 6d. per chop or outlet, as the case may be.)

(c) Poultry—	
Fried, braised, roasted, grilled, en casserole, or boiled with customary garnishings (meat or otherwise)	2 9
‡Cold, with salad	2 9
Stewed, with or without curry, or served in any other manner, not specifically mentioned in this section	2 3