

Price Order No. 1848 (Meat Retail)

PURSUANT to the Control of Prices Act 1947, the Price Tribunal hereby makes the following price order.

PRELIMINARY

1. This order may be cited as Price Order No. 1848 and shall come into force on the 7th day of August 1961.

2. (1) Price Orders Nos. 1800,* 1802,¹ 1804,² 1808,³ 1811,⁴ 1812,⁵ 1816,⁶ 1817,⁷ 1823,⁸ 1825,⁹ 1828,¹⁰ 1830,¹¹ 1836,¹² 1839,¹³ 1841,¹⁴ 1842,¹⁵ 1845,¹⁶ and 1846¹⁷ are hereby revoked.

(2) The revocation of the said orders 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,—
 “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 Standard Specification No. N.Z.S.S. 681 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, and includes the said specification as from time to time amended.

“Meat pricing districts” mean the districts described in the First Schedule hereto.

“Basic prices” mean the prices set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

(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 prices not in excess of the appropriate prices fixed in this order for first-grade, second-grade, or third-grade meat had it in fact been killed and graded in an abattoir district.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

4. (1) Nothing in this order shall apply with respect to sales of lamb during the period covered by the dates set out in the Fourth Schedule hereto.

(2) Except as provided in subclause (1) hereof this order applies only with respect to all retail sales of meat (whether fresh, frozen, or prepackaged chilled meat) in the meat pricing districts defined in the First Schedule hereto and of the kinds or descriptions specified in the Second Schedule hereto intended for human consumption and whether sold in an abattoir district or in a non-abattoir district.

(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 this order applies is sold otherwise than by weight.

FIXING MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF MEAT TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

5. (1) The basic retail prices of meat of the kind and descriptions specified in the Second Schedule hereto shall be the appropriate prices set against the respective kinds and descriptions in that Schedule.

(2) The maximum retail prices of meat of the kind and descriptions specified shall be the basic retail prices plus or minus any adjustments resulting from the application of the provisions set out in the Third Schedule.

(3) 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 retailer, may authorise 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

6. (1) 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.

(2) 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, the maximum price of the lot shall be computed to the nearest penny.

(3) 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 PRICE ORDERS AND TICKET MEAT

7. (1) It shall be the duty of every retailer whose business includes the selling of any meat to which this price order relates to keep a copy of the price order or a statement of the retail prices fixed thereby in respect of such meat prominently displayed in his shop in such a position that customers may examine the price order or statement without having to ask for its production or without having to obtain permission to examine it.

(2) 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 the joint or cut shall be stated in legible and prominent characters.

(3) In the case of any meat to which this order applies which, in accordance with the customary practice within the trade, is offered or exposed for sale otherwise than by the joint or cut, the retailer shall affix to or 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, where in accordance with the customary practice within the trade the meat is offered or exposed for sale otherwise than by weight, the price per unit.

(4) In any case where meat to which this order applies is not readily identifiable with the description thereof set out in the price order displayed, the retailer shall affix to the meat a ticket, placard, or label giving a description so that it is readily identifiable with the description set out in the price order.

FIRST SCHEDULE

DEFINITIONS OF MEAT PRICING DISTRICTS

Name of Meat Pricing District	Cities, Boroughs, Town Districts, and Counties Included Therein
North Auckland ..	The Counties of Otamatea, Mangonui, Hokianga, Whangaroa, Bay of Islands, Hobson, and Whangarei including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county.
Auckland	The City of Auckland, the Boroughs of East Coast Bays, Takapuna, Northcote, Birkenhead, Devonport, Newmarket, Henderson, Mount Albert, Mount Eden, One Tree Hill, Ellerslie, Mount Wellington, Glen Eden, New Lynn, Mount Roskill, Onehunga, Otahuhu, and Papatoetoe and the Counties of Rodney, Great Barrier Island, Waitemata, Manukau, and Franklin including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county and the Waiheke Road District.
South Auckland ..	The City of Hamilton and the Counties of Coromandel, Hauraki Plains, Thames, Ohinemuri, Opotiki, Matakoao, Raglan, Waikato, Piako, Taunanga, Waipa, Matamata, Rotorua, Whakatane, Otorohanga, Waitomo, and Taupo including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county.
Gisborne and Hawke's Bay	The Cities of Gisborne, Hastings, and Napier and the Counties of Waipau, Waikohu, Uawa, Cook, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Patangata, Dannevirke, and Woodville including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county.
Taranaki	The City of New Plymouth and the Counties of Clifton, Taumarunui, Taranaki, Inglewood, Stratford, Egmont, Waimate West, Eltham, Hawera, and Patea including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county.
Wanganui	The City of Wanganui and the Counties of Waitotara, Wanganui, and Waimarino including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county.
Manawatu	The City of Palmerston North and the Counties of Rangitikei, Manawatu, Orua, Kiwitea, Pohangina, Kairanga, and Horowhenua including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county.
Wairarapa	The Counties of Pahiatua, Akitio, Eketahuna, Mauriceville, Castlepoint, Masterton, Wairarapa South, and Featherston including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situate within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county.