Price Order No. 128 (Hen Eggs)

Pursuant to the Commerce Act 1975, I, Desmond James Gasson, pursuant to a delegation from the Secretary of Trade and Industry, hereby make the following price order:

1. This order may be cited as Price Order No. 128, and shall come into force on the 2nd day of June 1979.

2. (1) Price Order No. 111† is 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. In this order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"Marlborough District" means the district comprising the counties of Awatere and Marlborough, including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county;

"Nelson District" means the district comprising the counties of Waimea and Golden Bay, including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county;

"Northland District" means the district comprising the counties of Otamatea, Hobson, Bay of Islands, Whangarei, Hokianga, Whangaroa, and Mangonui, including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county;

"Wellington Egg Marketing Area" means the area so constituted under the Egg Marketing Authority Regulations 1953*;

"Westland District" means the district comprising the counties of Buller, Inangahua, Grey, and Westland, including all cities, boroughs, and town districts situated within or contiguous to the boundaries of any such county;

"Cartoned eggs" means eggs which are packed in a divisible "Safety", "Hi Vee" or any other egg carton approved by the Egg Marketing Authority, and supplied by a licensed distributor, or a producer authorised by the Egg Marketing Authority, to a retailer and sold by a retailer to a consumer;

"Licensed distributor" means the holder of a distributor's licence under the Egg Marketing Authority Regulations 1953*.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

4. This order applies in respect to all sales in New Zealand whether wholesale or retail, of hen eggs but does not apply to eggs transferred between licensed distributors or used in the manufacture of egg pulp or to the sale of eggs which the vendor proves were sold for the purposes of hatching.

CLASSIFICATION OF EGGS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ORDER

5. (1) For the purposes of this order, every lot of eggs sold by a producer, or licensed distributor, or retailer shall be classified in the following sizes as 7's, 6's, 5's, 4's, or "Mixed".

(2) With respect to eggs that have been graded in accordance with the Egg Marketing Authority Regulations 1953*, the classification of such eggs for the purposes of this order shall correspond to the grading under those regulations.

(3) With respect to eggs that have not been graded in accordance with the said regulations, the following special provisions shall apply:

(a) Any lot of eggs sold or offered for sale may be classified for the purposes of this order as 7's, 6's, 5's, or 4's as the case may be, if all the eggs in the lot would be of the corresponding grade if they had been graded under the said regulations.

(b) Any lot of eggs sold or offered for sale consisting of eggs which, if graded under the said regulations, would be graded in more than one grade shall be classified for the purposes of this order as "Mixed Eggs": Provided that if the average weight of the eggs in the lot is less than 56 grams the lot shall be classified as "Pullet Grade" eggs.

FIXING MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE OF EGGS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

6. The maximum retail price that may be charged or received by any retailer (including a producer) for any eggs to which this order applies shall be the appropriate maximum price specified in the Schedule hereto.

RETAILERS TO EXHIBIT PRICES

7. Every retailer who offers or exposes any eggs to which this order applies for sale in any shop shall keep in a prominent position in such proximity to the eggs to which it relates as to be obviously descriptive thereof a ticket, placard, or...
on which shall be stated in legible and prominent characters the classification of the eggs according to whether they are 7’s, 6’s, 5’s, 4’s, or “Mixed” and the retail price per dozen of the eggs.

**FIXING MAXIMUM PRICES FOR EGGS SOLD TO LICENSED DISTRIBUTORS**

8. The maximum prices that may be charged or received by any producer in respect of sales to licensed distributors for any eggs to which this order applies shall not exceed the appropriate maximum price specified in the Schedule hereto reduced by:

(a) An amount of 15 cents; and

(b) Commission at the rate of 9 percent calculated on the retail price reduced by 15 cents.

**FIXING MAXIMUM WHOLESALE PRICES FOR EGGS SOLD TO RETAILERS**

9. The maximum prices that may be charged or received by licensed distributors or producers selling to retailers for any eggs to which this order applies shall be the appropriate maximum price specified in the Schedule hereto reduced by 10 cents per dozen.

**PROVISION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF EGGS INVOICED**

10. Every producer selling otherwise than by way of retail and every licensed distributor who sells any eggs to which this order applies shall specify in the relevant invoices with respect to each item the classification of the eggs comprised in the item.

**SCHEDULE**

**MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES (PER DOZEN) FOR EGGS TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Eggs (Fresh)</th>
<th>7’s</th>
<th>6’s</th>
<th>5’s</th>
<th>4’s</th>
<th>Mixed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Loose</td>
<td>Cartoned</td>
<td>Loose</td>
<td>Cartoned</td>
<td>Loose</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northland District</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wellington Egg Marketing Area</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elsewhere in North Island</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>108</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nelson District</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>108</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marlborough District</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>108</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Westland District</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>106</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elsewhere in South Island</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of May 1979.

D. J. GASSON,
Director, Stabilisation of Prices and Enforcement.

*S.R. 1953/156