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Price Order No. 244 (Seed Potatoes)

PURSUANT to the powers conferred on it by the Control of Prices Emergency Regulations 1939,* the Price Tribunal, acting with the authority of the Minister of Industries and Commerce, doth hereby make the following Price Order:—

PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Order may be cited as Price Order No. 244, and shall come into force on the 3rd day of June, 1944.
- (2) Price Order No. 147† is hereby revoked.
- (3) 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.
2. (1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - “The said regulations” means the Control of Prices Emergency Regulations 1939* :
 - “Certified seed potatoes” means seed potatoes that have been certified as “mother seed” or as “commercial seed” in accordance with the scheme for the certification of seed potatoes that is in operation under the control of the Department of Agriculture; and “uncertified seed potatoes” includes all seed potatoes that have not been so certified :
 - “Distributor”, in relation to any lot of potatoes, means a wholesaler, as defined in the said regulations, who sells those potatoes otherwise than to a retailer for purposes of retail sale :
 - “Group”, in relation to certified seed potatoes, means the group into which any potatoes have been classified by the Department of Agriculture in accordance with its scheme for the certification of seed potatoes :
 - “Grower”, in relation to potatoes, means a person engaged in the business of growing potatoes for sale :
 - “Seed potatoes” includes all potatoes that are sold, offered, or exposed for sale as seed potatoes :
 - “Standard-sized”, in relation to certified seed potatoes, refers to potatoes that comply with the standard prescribed by clause 5 hereof :

The expression “f.o.r.s.i.” means “free on rail, sacks or other containers included.”

(2) Terms and expressions defined in the said regulations, when used in this Order, have the meanings severally assigned thereto by those regulations.

3. Subject to any general or specific directions that may be given by or on behalf of the Tribunal, any expenses that are reasonably incurred by a distributor, wholesaler, or retailer in undertaking the transport of any potatoes at his own expense, not exceeding in any case the cost that would have been incurred by him if delivery had been effected by a common carrier at current freight rates, may be regarded for the purposes of this Order as if they were transport charges paid by him, and the maximum price of the potatoes shall be determined accordingly.

APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER

4. (1) This Order applies only to seed potatoes derived from the crop grown in New Zealand during the 1943-44 season.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided herein, this Order applies to all such seed potatoes that (whether sold before or after the date of the coming into force of this Order) are delivered to the purchaser on or after the said date.
- (3) In its application to growers' prices, this Order applies only to seed potatoes that are grown in the South Island.
- (4) In its application to distributors' prices, wholesalers' prices, and retailers' prices, this Order does not apply to any seed potatoes which have been specially hand-picked in a distributor's or wholesaler's store in the South Island and which are sold in lots exceeding 1½ cwt. in any case, but applies to all other seed potatoes of the 1943-44 season grown anywhere in New Zealand.

FIXING PRICES OF SEED POTATOES

Growers' Actual Prices for “Standard-sized” Certified Seed Potatoes

5. (1) For the purposes of this Order the standard for certified seed potatoes shall be deemed to be a potato that weighs not less than 2 oz. and not more than 4½ oz.
- (2) If in any sample of one hundred potatoes taken at random from any lot of certified seed potatoes more than eight of those potatoes fail to comply with the standard prescribed by the last preceding subclause, none of the potatoes comprised in the lot shall be deemed to be “standard-sized”.
- (3) Except as provided in the last preceding subclause all certified seed potatoes shall for the purposes of this Order be deemed to be “standard-sized”.
6. (1) The actual price to be charged by any grower for any “standard-sized” certified seed potatoes to which this Order applies shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions of this clause.
- (2) The basic price of such potatoes shall in every case be computed in accordance with the scale set forth in the Schedule hereto.
- (3) Where any such potatoes are delivered by the grower f.o.r.s.i. any railway-station in the South Island, the actual price to be charged by the grower shall be the basic price, increased in accordance with the provisions of subclause (7) hereof, in cases to which that subclause applies.
- (4) Where any such potatoes are delivered by the grower otherwise than f.o.r.s.i. a railway-station in the South Island, the actual price to be charged by the grower shall be the basic price, increased in accordance with the provisions of subclause (7) hereof in cases to which that subclause applies, then further increased by the charges (if any) incurred by the grower in effecting delivery, and then reduced by the charges that would have been incurred by the grower if delivery had been effected by a common carrier at current freight rates to the railway-station that is nearest or most convenient of access to the grower's premises.
- (5) The basic price fixed in the Schedule hereto for certified “mother seed” potatoes is fixed as for potatoes classified in Group 4.
- (6) The basic price fixed in the Schedule hereto for certified “commercial seed” potatoes is fixed as for potatoes classified in Group 7.
- (7) For seed potatoes classified in a higher group than Group 4 or Group 7, as the case may be, a premium of 5s. a ton shall be charged for each upward step in the classification.

* Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/275, page 1057.
† Gazette, 22nd July, 1943, Vol. II, page 819.

Growers' Maximum Prices for Certified Seed Potatoes that are not "Standard-sized"

7. The maximum price that may be charged by any grower for any certified seed potatoes to which this Order applies that are not "standard-sized" shall be the price that would have been the actual price of those potatoes if they had in fact been "standard-sized".

Growers' Maximum Prices for Uncertified Seed Potatoes

8. (1) The maximum price that may be charged by any grower for any uncertified seed potatoes to which this Order applies shall be £9 a ton, delivered f.o.r.s.i. a railway-station in the South Island.

(2) Where any potatoes to which this clause applies are delivered by the grower otherwise than f.o.r.s.i. a railway-station in the South Island, the maximum price that may be charged by the grower shall be £9 a ton increased by the charges (if any) incurred by the grower in effecting delivery, and then reduced by the charges that would have been incurred by the grower if delivery had been effected by a common carrier at current freight rates to the railway-station that is nearest or most convenient of access to the grower's premises.

Distributors' Prices

9. (1) The price that may be charged by any distributor for any seed potatoes to which this Order applies shall not exceed the sum of the following amounts:—

- (a) The price actually paid or payable to the grower by the same or any other distributor:
- (b) Any grading, transport, or other charges (not including brokerage) actually paid by the same or any other distributor:
- (c) An amount computed at the rate of 5 per cent. of the sum of the amounts specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof, or at the rate of 10s. a ton (whichever is the greater):
- (d) Any disbursements actually incurred by the same or any other distributor by way of brokerage, not exceeding in the aggregate 2½ per cent. of the sum of the amounts specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) hereof.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, the provisions of this clause as to the computation of distributors' prices shall apply with respect to every sale by a person who is ordinarily engaged in business as a distributor to a person who is ordinarily engaged in business as a wholesaler, notwithstanding that in any such case the purchaser may sell by way of retail any potatoes acquired by him from the distributor.

Wholesalers' and Retailers' Prices

10. (1) When any seed potatoes to which this Order applies are sold by any wholesaler or by any retailer in lots exceeding 1½ cwt., the price that may be charged or received by the wholesaler or retailer shall not exceed the sum of the following amounts:—

- (a) The price actually paid or payable by the wholesaler or the retailer, as the case may be, to the grower or any other person:
- (b) An amount not exceeding 2s. 6d. a ton in respect of any potatoes actually received into the wholesaler's or retailer's store, together with any grading, transport, or other charges actually paid by the wholesaler or retailer:

- (c) An amount equal to 2½ per cent. of the sum of the amounts specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof (to cover the estimated loss due to shrinkage and other natural causes), and a further amount equal to 1½ per cent. of the said sum in respect of potatoes actually received into store:
- (d) An amount computed at the rate of £1 15s. a ton (in respect of seed potatoes sold in lots exceeding 1½ cwt., but less than a ton), and computed at the rate of £1 a ton for lots of 1 ton or more.

(2) Where any potatoes to which this Order applies are sold by any wholesaler or retailer in lots of 7 lb., or 14 lb., or 28 lb., or 56 lb., or 112 lb., or 168 lb., the price shall not in any case exceed:—

	s.	d.
For 7 lb. lots	2	3
For 14 lb. lots	4	3
For 28 lb. lots	7	6
For 56 lb. lots	13	0
For 112 lb. lots	21	0
For 168 lb. lots	31	6

(3) Where any such potatoes are sold by any wholesaler or retailer in a lot exceeding 7 lb. but otherwise than in a lot of any of the weights specified in the last preceding subclause, the maximum price per pound of any surplus over 7 lb. or over any multiple of 7 lb. (being less in every case than 7 lb.) shall be 4d.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this clause the wholesale or retail price of any potatoes to which this Order applies shall not in any case exceed 4d. per pound.

SCHEDULE

BASIC PRICES FOR CERTIFIED SEED POTATOES TO WHICH THIS ORDER APPLIES

Varieties.	Certified "Mother Seed".		Certified "Commercial Seed".	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
A. Chippewa, Doon Early, Dunbar Standard, Katahdin	14	0 0	12	10 0
B. Arran Consul, Arran Banner, Arran Pilot, Aucklander Short Top, Aucklander Tall Top, Catriona, Cliffs Kidney, Epicure, Jersey Benes, King Edward, Majestic, Robin Adair, Up-to-date, and other varieties not specified elsewhere	13	0 0	11	10 0
C. Arran Chief, Dakota, Inverness Favourite, Iron Duke, Northern Star (Gamekeeper)	11	0 0	9	15 0

Dated at Wellington, this 31st day of May, 1944.

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

[L.s.]

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