



Essential Commodities Reserves Act 1938

1938 CHAPTER 51 1 and 2 Geo 6

6 Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,—

“Essential commodity” means any commodity described in the Schedule to this Act which may be declared by order of the Board of Trade to be a commodity which in the opinion of the Board would be essential for the vital needs of the community in the event of war;

“Food” has the same meaning as in [^{F1}the ^{M1}Food and Drugs Act 1955 and the ^{M2}Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956];

“Forage” includes all feeding stuffs for animals, whether natural, artificial, dried, or undried;

“Trader”, in relation to an essential commodity, means any person who for the purposes of any trade or business carried on by him (whether as a producer, merchant, broker, warehouseman, or otherwise) holds from time to time a stock of that commodity.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by virtue of [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\), s. 17\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1955 c. 16](#). (4 & 5 Eliz. 2).

M2 [1956 c. 30](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Essential Commodities Reserves Act 1938, Section 6.