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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1973 No. 2188

**CONTROL OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY****The Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1973***Made* - - - 21st December 1973*Laid before Parliament* 21st December 1973*Coming into Operation* 22nd December 1973

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 2(1)(b) of the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973(a) and section 7 of the Emergency Laws (Re-enactments and Repeals) Act 1964(b), as having effect by virtue of section 5 of the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973, hereby orders as follows:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 22nd December 1973.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In this Order—

“by retail” means in relation to the supply of any controlled paraffin, supply to any person acquiring that paraffin otherwise than for the purpose of resale;

“controlled paraffin” means paraffin of Class 1 or Class 2;

“paraffin” means oil, being heavy oil within the meaning of section 1 of the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs and Excise) Act 1971(c) derived from petroleum, of a kind intended for use as fuel for portable domestic oil burners.

(2) In this Order any reference to paraffin of Class 1 or Class 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to paraffin which complies with the requirements of British Standard Specification for Petroleum Fuels for Oil Engines and Burners (BS 2869:1970) published by the British Standards Institution on 30th September 1970 (as amended by Amendment Slip No. 1 published on 9th June 1972) for Class C1 burner fuel and Class C2 burner fuel respectively and, in the case of paraffin of Class 2, which has a maximum sulphur content not exceeding that required by the specification for Class C1 burner fuel.

*Maximum retail prices*

3. No person shall supply by retail controlled paraffin at any price exceeding—

(a) in the case of paraffin offered for sale at premises situated in a zone or place specified in Column 1 of the Schedule, a price at

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 (a) 1973 c. 67.

(b) 1964 c. 60.

(c) 1971 c. 12.

- the rate per gallon specified (as regards paraffin of Class 1) in Column 2 of the Schedule or (as regards paraffin of Class 2) in Column 3 of the Schedule, with respect to that zone or place; or
- (b) in the case of paraffin offered for sale at a vehicle loaded with that paraffin at premises situated in a zone or place so specified, a price at the rate per gallon specified (as regards paraffin of Class 1) in Column 4 of the Schedule or (as regards paraffin of Class 2) in Column 5 of the Schedule, with respect to that zone or place.

#### *Zones*

4. For the purposes of this Order—
- (a) premises shall be deemed to be situated in a zone named in Column 1 of the Schedule if those premises have, before the date of the making of this Order, been treated by a person supplying controlled paraffin to those premises in the ordinary course of the wholesale business of that person as being situated in the zone so named; and
- (b) where premises (not being premises situated in a place mentioned in Column 1 of the Schedule)—
- (i) have not, before the date of the making of this Order, been treated by any person supplying controlled paraffin to those premises in the ordinary course of the wholesale business of that person as being situated in a zone named in that Column; or
- (ii) have, before the date of the making of this Order, been treated by different persons supplying controlled paraffin to those premises in the ordinary course of the wholesale business of those persons as being situated in different zones so named;
- the premises shall be deemed to be situated in the same zone as that in which the nearest to those premises of any premises to which paragraph (a) of this Article applies are deemed to be situated by virtue of that paragraph.

#### *Notices*

5. Every person who supplies by retail controlled paraffin at or from any premises or from any vehicle shall keep displayed on those premises or that vehicle in a conspicuous position so as to be clearly legible by all customers throughout the whole time during which controlled paraffin is offered for sale a notice stating—
- (a) the zone or place specified in Column 1 of the Schedule in which those premises or (as the case may be) the premises at which that vehicle is loaded with controlled paraffin is situated; and
- (b) the maximum price at which any controlled paraffin offered for sale may be supplied at or from those premises or from that vehicle in accordance with this Order.

#### *Artificial transactions and unreasonable charges*

6. No person shall, in connection with the supply by retail of any controlled paraffin, enter or offer to enter into any artificial transaction or make or demand any unreasonable charge.

*Directions*

7. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the supply by retail of any controlled paraffin required to be supplied by a direction under Section 2(2)(b) of the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 at a price specified in the direction with respect to that paraffin.

*Licences*

- 8.—(1) Nothing in this Order shall prevent the supply by retail of controlled paraffin under the authority of a licence granted by the Secretary of State under this Order;
- (2) Any licence granted under this Order may be subject to conditions and may be revoked without prior notice;
- (3) Every licence granted under this Order shall be the property of the Secretary of State and any person being in possession of any such licence, shall, if requested to do so by the Secretary of State, produce or deliver it to such person or to a person of such class or description, and within such time, as may be specified in or at the time of the request.

*Application to Northern Ireland*

9. This Order shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

21st December 1973.

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Department of Trade and Industry.

## SCHEDULE

## Article 3

## Maximum Retail Prices of Controlled Paraffin

Column 1 Zone or Place	Column 2 Paraffin of Class 1 offered for sale at premises—rate per gallon in pence	Column 3 Paraffin of Class 2 offered for sale at premises—rate per gallon in pence	Column 4 Paraffin of Class 1 offered for sale from a vehicle—rate per gallon in pence	Column 5 Paraffin of Class 2 offered for sale from a vehicle—rate per gallon in pence
<i>Zones</i>				
Inner zone	21.0	20.0	22.5	21.5
Outer zone	21.5	20.5	23.0	22.0
General zone	21.5	20.5	23.0	22.0
North Scotland (mainland only) zone	22.0	21.0	23.5	22.5
<i>Places</i>				
Orkney Islands and West Cowal	22.0	21.0	23.5	22.5
Lewis & Harris	26.0	25.0	27.5	26.5
Shetland Isles (Mainland)	22.0	21.0	23.5	22.5
Other Shetland Isles	23.5	22.5	25.0	24.0
Islay	24.0	23.0	25.5	24.5
Mull	22.0	21.0	23.5	22.5

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order imposes maximum retail prices in respect of the supply of paraffin intended for use in portable domestic oil burners offered for sale at premises or from vehicles.

The Order requires notices stating the maximum retail prices to be displayed on the premises and vehicles and prohibits artificial transactions and unreasonable charges.

Copies of the British Standard Specification and Amendment referred to in this Order may be obtained from British Standards Institution, British Standards House, 2 Park Street, London W1A 2BS.



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