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The Petrol Prices (Display) (Amendment) Order 1979

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| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | <i>5th January 1979</i> |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i> | <i>1st February 1979</i> |

Whereas the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of section 4 of the Prices Act 1974(a), has consulted, in such manner as appeared to him to be appropriate having regard to the subject-matter and urgency of this Order, with such organisations representative of interests substantially affected by this Order as appeared to him, having regard to those matters, to be appropriate:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of his powers under the said section 4 hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Petrol Prices (Display) (Amendment) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1979.
2. The Petrol Prices (Display) Order 1978(b) is hereby varied—
 - (a) in article 3(1), by the substitution for the words “1971 published” to the end of the words “1978 published on 29th September 1978”;
 - (b) in the Schedule, by the substitution for paragraph 7 of the following paragraph—

“7.—(1) This paragraph has effect where—

 - (a) the lowest price indicated for the sale of 3 star petrol is higher than the price indicated for the sale of 4 star petrol (or, if more than one price is indicated for the sale of 4 star petrol, the lowest such price), or
 - (b) the lowest price indicated for the sale of 2 star petrol is higher than the price indicated for the sale of 3 star or 4 star petrol (or, if more than one price is indicated for the sale of 3 star or 4 star petrol, the lowest such price).

(2) Where—

 - (a) head (a) of sub-paragraph (1) above applies, the lowest price indicated for the sale of 3 star petrol, or
 - (b) where head (b) of sub-paragraph (1) above applies, the lowest price indicated for the sale of 2 star petrol,

(a) 1974 c. 24; section 4 was amended by the Price Commission Act 1977 (c. 33), section 16(1).

(b) S.I. 1978/1389.

shall be marked on the pump from which it is delivered with no less prominence than the price for the sale of the other grade or grades of petrol mentioned in heads (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (1) above respectively.

(3) A statement shall clearly be marked on each pump delivering 3 star petrol (in a case where head (a) of sub-paragraph (1) above applies) or on each pump delivering 2 star petrol (in a case where head (b) of sub-paragraph (1) above applies) that the lowest price indicated for the sale of 3 star petrol or the lowest price indicated for the sale of 2 star petrol, as the case may be, is higher than the other price referred to in the said head (a) or in the said head (b) respectively.”; and

(c) in the Schedule, by the insertion in paragraph 15 after the proviso of the following words—

“The requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 above as to the height of characters in which information is given do not apply to any information which is given on a pump in pursuance of this paragraph or on a notice in accordance with the proviso to this paragraph .”

4th January 1979

Robert Maclennan,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends article 3(1) of the Petrol Prices (Display) Order 1978 to substitute a reference to the new British Standard specification for petrol which comes into operation on 1st February 1979 for that referred to in the article (article 2(a)).

The Order makes two further amendments to the 1978 Order—

- (a) paragraph 7 of the Schedule is to apply only where the lowest price for 3 star petrol is higher than the lowest price for 4 star petrol or where the lowest price for 2 star petrol is higher than the lowest price for either 3 star or 4 star petrol; and
- (b) an amendment to paragraph 15 of the Schedule (which relates to the display of prices visible from the highway and, in certain circumstances, to information given on pumps or on notices adjacent to pumps) provides that the requirements of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Schedule as to the minimum height of lettering apply only to roadside displays.

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