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### PRICES CONTROL ACT, 1948-1950.

Prices Control Order No. 503.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Prices Control Regulations, 1949, I, Constantin Paul Mathea, Prices Control Commissioner, hereby make the following Order:—

#### Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as Prices Control Order No. 503.

#### Definitions.

2. In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears—

“ceiling date” in relation to any goods or any services sold or supplied by any person on any terms and conditions means—

(a) where that person upon the 18th day of July, 1951, sold or supplied substantially identical goods or services, as the case may be, upon terms and conditions substantially identical with the firstmentioned terms and conditions—the 18th day of July, 1951; or

(b) where that person did not, upon the 18th day of July, 1951, sell or supply substantially identical goods or services, as the case may be, upon terms and conditions substantially identical with the firstmentioned terms and conditions—the last date prior to the 18th day of July, 1951, upon which that person sold or supplied substantially identical goods or services, as the case may be, upon terms and conditions so substantially identical;

“goods” means goods declared by the Minister by notice in the *Government Gazette* to be declared goods for the purposes of the Prices Control Act, 1948-1950;

“services” means services declared by the Minister by notice in the *Government Gazette* to be declared services for the purposes of the Prices Control Act, 1948-1950;

“cost” means in relation to the sale of any goods by any person the sum of money or other valuable consideration paid or furnished or agreed to be paid or furnished for or in respect of those goods by that person.

#### Ceiling Prices and Rates for Goods and Services of a kind Previously Sold or Supplied.

3. I fix and declare the maximum price or rate, as the case may be, at which any person may sell or supply any goods or services on any terms and conditions to be the price or rate of which that person sold or supplied substantially identical goods or services on the ceiling date on terms and conditions substantially identical with the firstmentioned terms and conditions or, if any lower maximum price or rate is fixed by or under any Order made under the Prices Control Regulations, 1949, and in force immediately prior to the commencement of this Order, that lower price or rate.

#### Maximum Prices for Goods not Previously Sold.

4. I fix and declare the maximum price at which any person may sell any goods which are not substantially identical with any goods which he sold prior to the 18th day of July, 1951, to be the cost of the goods to that person:

Provided that on application by any person the maximum price at which those goods may be sold by that person shall be such price as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

#### Application for Maximum Prices or Rates in Certain Cases.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding paragraph, any person who manufactures any goods or supplies any service, as the case may be, which are not substantially identical with any

goods or services which he sold or supplied prior to the 18th day of July, 1951, shall not sell those goods or supply that service unless and until he has made a written request to the Commissioner to fix a maximum price at which those goods may be sold or a maximum rate at which that service may be supplied, and the Commissioner has fixed a maximum price or maximum rate accordingly.

Price or Rate Differences to be Observed.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this Order, where a seller or supplier of any goods or services has customarily allowed any difference in price or rate—

- (a) to any person or to persons included in any class of persons;
- (b) in respect of sales or supplies of certain quantities of goods or services; or
- (c) in respect of sales or supplies of goods or services under certain conditions of sale or supply,

the maximum price or rate fixed by or under this Order in respect of those goods or services shall, in the case of sales or supplies to any such person or persons, or of such quantities, or under such conditions, be reduced by the allowance of that difference.

Fixation of Maximum Prices and Maximum Rates by Notice.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order, I declare the maximum price or rate at which any goods or any services specified in a notice in pursuance of this paragraph may be sold or supplied by any person to whom such notice is given to be such price or rate as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

Prescribed Date.

8. I declare—

- (a) the 18th day of July, 1951; or
- (b) where in relation to the sale or supply of any goods or services the seller did not, on the 18th day of July, 1951, sell or supply substantially identical goods or services—the last date prior to the 18th day of July, 1951, upon which that person sold or supplied substantially identical goods or services,

to be the "prescribed date" for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of regulation 28 and paragraph (b) of subregulation (1) of regulation 29 of the Prices Control Regulations, 1949.

Dated this 19th day of July, 1951.

C. P. MATHEA,  
Prices Control Commissioner.