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PRICES CONTROL ACT, 1948-1951.

Prices Control Order No. 687

Sawn W.A. Hardwood, Mouldings and Cartage.
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. 687.

Revocation.

2. Prices Control Order No. 657 is hereby revoked.

Definitions and Interpretations.

3. In this Order and the Schedules thereto, unless the contrary intention appears, the expression—

- (a) "W.A. hardwood" includes timber commonly known and referred to as jarrah, karri, wandoo, tuart, marri and W.A. blackbutt;
- (b) "Perth Metropolitan Area" means all that area comprised within a radius of 20 miles from the General Post Office at Perth;
- (c) "Merchantable quality," "selected quality," "seasoned quality," means, in relation to any W.A. hardwood, that such timber conforms to the requirements and specifications for timber in A.S. 0.10 to A.S. 0.39 contained in "Grading Rules for Jarrah, Karri and Wandoo," *Forests Department of Western Australia Bulletin*, No. 56, 1948.

Maximum Prices for W.A. Hardwood and Mouldings.

4. I fix and declare the maximum price at which any W.A. hardwood or mouldings specified in the First Schedule to this Order may be sold by retail in the Perth Metropolitan Area to be the price specified in that Schedule or computed in accordance therewith.

Maximum Rates for Sawing and Machining of W.A. Hardwood.

5. I fix and declare the maximum rate at which the service of sawing and machining of W.A. hardwood, specified in the Second Schedule to this Order, may be supplied by any person, to be the rate specified in that Schedule or computed in accordance therewith.

Maximum Rates for Cartage of W.A. Hardwood and Mouldings.

6. I fix and declare the maximum rate at which the service of cartage of W.A. hardwood and mouldings may be supplied by any retail seller of such W.A. hardwood or mouldings, to be the rate specified in the Third Schedule to this Order, or computed in accordance therewith.

Application for Maximum Prices.

7. A person shall not sell by retail any W.A. hardwood or mouldings, a maximum price for which is not fixed by or under the provisions of this Order, unless and until that person has made a written request to the Commissioner to fix the maximum price at which those goods may be sold, and the Commissioner has fixed the maximum price accordingly.

Discounts.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained in the provisions of this Order—

- (i) where any person sells any W.A. hardwood or mouldings to any Government or semi-Government department, to any registered builder or contractor, or to any registered wood working manufacturer for use in their own activities, the maximum price fixed by the provisions of this Order for the sale of those goods shall, in the case of any such sale, be reduced by 5 per centum;
- (ii) where payment for any W.A. hardwood or mouldings is made to the seller by any Government or semi-Government department or person specified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph before the 25th day