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PURCHASE TAX.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940. entitled the Purchase Tax (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1944, directing that as from the 17th April 1944 purchase tax shall cease to be chargeable in respect of picture frames of wood, plain, gilt, or coloured, with or without ornamental composition, which are made from moulding of a width not less at any point than 3 inches.

The Order has been published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1944, No. 249, and may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

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The Order has been published as Statutory Rules and Orders. 1944, No. 250, and may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1, 11th April 1944.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that they have made Orders which have been published as S.R. & O., 1944:—

No. 111.—The Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) (No. 2) Directions, 1944, dated March 28, 1944. (Price 2d.)

No. 256.—The Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) (No. 3) Order, 1944, dated April 1, 1944. (Price 1d.)

No. 259.—The Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1944, dated March 27, 1944. (Price 1d.)

No. 364.—The Check Trading (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1944, dated April 1, 1944. (Price 2d.)

These Orders can be purchased through any bookseller, agents, or direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast.

The Minister of War Transport on the 7th April gave the following Direction:—

Transport of Tomatoes Direction. 1944.

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRIORS of BRITISH CORN per Hundredweight of 112 Imperial Pounds,* as received by the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES in the week ended 8th April 1944, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, the Corn Sales Act, 1921, and the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1943:—

British Corn.			Quantities Sold.	Average Price per Cwt
			Cwt.	8. d.
WHEAT		•••	592,829	15 10
BARLEY	•••	•••	195,258	27 7
OATS	•••	•••	45,474	16 7
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* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that, in the weekly summary of quantities and prices, each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve imperial standard pounds.

Note.—The prices in the statement above are based on returns received during the week ending 8th April 1944, and represent on the whole the average prices ruling in the week ending 1st April 1944.

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