

Sugar Confectionery and Food Preserving Trade in Great Britain, as defined in the Regulations made by the Board of Trade, and dated the 23rd December, 1913, have given notice, as required by Section 4 of the above Act, that they have varied certain minimum time rates fixed by them on the 7th June, 1915, set out in their Notice of that date, and made obligatory by the Board of Trade on the 8th December, 1915, such variations being as shown in Schedule II. of this Notice set out below and held as incorporated herewith, the minimum rates as hereby varied being as shown in Schedule I. of this Notice also held as incorporated herewith.

SCHEDULE I.

MINIMUM TIME-RATES OF WAGES FOR FEMALE WORKERS.

(1) The minimum (or lowest) time-rate of wages for female workers in certain branches of the Sugar Confectionery and Food Preserving Trade in Great Britain, as specified in Section 3 of this Schedule, shall be as follows, clear of all deductions,* that is to say:—

	Per week.	
	s.	d.
When employed under 15 years of age...	6	0
When employed at 15 and under 16 years of age	7	6
When employed at 16 and under 17 years of age	9	0
When employed at 17 and under 18 years of age	11	6
When employed at 18 years of age and upwards	14	1

The above minimum rates shall be payable subject to the following conditions:—

(a) The above minimum rates for workers under 18 years of age shall be payable subject to the worker being employed under conditions which in the circumstances of the case afford a reasonable prospect of advancement to the minimum rate of 14s. 1d. per week. Otherwise the minimum rate payable shall be 14s. 1d. per week irrespective of age.

(b) That in the case of workers of the age of 18 years and upwards who have been employed in the trade for an aggregate period of less than 12 months and cannot suitably be engaged on piece work, such workers shall, until the expiry of such 12 months period of employment in the trade, be paid at a rate of not less than 12s. per week in lieu of the above minimum rate of 14s. 1d. per week, provided that the Trade Board shall have issued a Certificate,† on the ground that they are satisfied that the employment is not merely casual, authorising such lower rate to be paid, or have received an application for such Certificate which is still under consideration.

(2) The above rates are weekly rates based on a week of 52 hours, but they shall be subject to a proportionate deduction or increase according as the number of hours actually spent by the worker in the factory or workshop under contract of employment in any week is less or more than 52.

(3) The above rates shall, subject to the provisions of the Trade Boards Act, apply to all female workers who are employed during the whole or any part of their time in any branch of the trade of making Sugar Confectionery, Cocoa, Chocolate, Jam, Marmalade, Preserved Fruits, Fruit and Table Jellies, Meat Extracts,

Meat Essences, Sauces and Pickles; the preparation of Meat, Poultry, Game, Fish, Vegetables and Fruit for sale in a preserved state in tins, pots, bottles, and similar receptacles; the processes of wrapping, filling, packing and labelling in respect of articles so made or prepared; excluding the covering and filling of biscuits, wafers and cakes with chocolate or sugar confectionery. Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in this Section, the above minimum rates shall not apply to Clerks, Saleswomen, Travellers, or to any other Workers whose work stands in a relationship to the trade similar to that of the foregoing excluded classes.

(4) The above minimum rates are without prejudice to workers who are earning higher rates of wages.

SCHEDULE II.

VARIATION AS PROVIDED BY THIS NOTICE.

Variation of Minimum Rates for Female Workers:—

(1) For female workers of 18 years of age and upwards from 13s. to 14s. 1d. per week.

(2) For female workers of 18 years of age and upwards who have been employed in the trade for an aggregate period of less than 12 months and cannot suitably be engaged on piece work and to whom the Trade Board shall have issued a certificate on the ground that the employment is not merely casual, from 11s. to 12s. per week.

(3) For female workers of 17 and under 18 years of age from 11s. to 11s. 6d. per week.

The above variations are on the basis of a week of 52 hours, the rates being subject to a proportionate deduction or increase according as the number of hours actually spent by the worker in the factory or workshop under contract of employment in any week is less or more than 52.

Dated the 14th day of August, 1916.

Office of Trade Boards, 5, Chancery Lane,
W.C.

*This provision does not apply to deductions legally made under the National Insurance Acts.

†Forms of application for Certificates may be obtained from the Secretary of the Trade Board, 5, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Orders have been made by the Board of Trade requiring the under-mentioned businesses to be wound up:—

310. Burchard and Co., 32, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C., General Merchants. *Controller*: John Kelday Garioch, 16, King Street, Cheapside, London, E.C. 17th August, 1916.

311. Beck, Koller and Co., 43, City Road, London, E.C., Importers of Pumice Blocks. *Controller*: John Durie Pattullo, 65, London Wall, London, E.C. 17 August, 1916.

312. Surrey Varnish Works, 43, City Road, London, E.C., Dealers in Varnish. *Controller*: John Durie Pattullo, 65, London Wall, London, E.C. 17th August, 1916.

The following Amended Notice is substituted