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WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1917.

War Office,
19th September, 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

SOLE LEATHER (CONDITIONS OF SALE) ORDER,
1917.

Whereas by Orders made in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and dated the 30th day of March and the 6th day of September, 1917, the Army Council gave notice of their intention to take possession of certain Sole and Upper Leather;

And whereas certain of the said Sole and Upper Leather has been or may be released for sale and manufacture for Naval and Military purposes subject to certain conditions imposed by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials;

And whereas it is expedient that certain of the said Leather should be released for sale and manufacture for other than Naval and Military purposes;

And whereas by an Order dated the 16th day of August, 1917, the Army Council gave notice

that they authorised and permitted the sale of certain Leather on certain conditions;

And whereas it is expedient that the said conditions should be amended;

And whereas by Regulation 2J of the Defence of the Realm Regulations it is provided that the Board of Trade shall have the like powers as are given to the Food Controller under Regulations 2B, 2F to 2J inclusive and 7 as respects any articles of commerce not being an article of food, where it appears to the Board necessary or expedient to exercise any of those powers for the purpose of encouraging, maintaining or regulating the supply of any such article which is required by the public or by any section of the public;

And whereas such powers include the power to make arrangements with any Government Department for the exercise by that Department of the powers of the Board of Trade;

And whereas it appears to the Board of Trade necessary and expedient, for the purpose of encouraging, maintaining and regulating the supply of Sole Leather which may be required by the public, or by any section of the public, that the sale of so much of the said Leather as may be released for sale and manufacture for

other than Naval and Military purposes should be permitted upon certain conditions;

And whereas the Board of Trade have made arrangements with the Army Council for the exercise by the Council on behalf of the Board of Trade of the powers of the Board of Trade under the said Regulations with respect to Sole Leather;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and of every other power enabling them in that behalf, the Army Council hereby authorise and permit as from the date hereof until further notice the sale, delivery and payment for Sole Leather of the description indicated in Schedule A hereto annexed as may be or may have been released for sale and manufacture for other than Naval or Military purposes, subject to the following conditions, that is to say:—

1. Save and except by permission of the Director of Raw Materials a Tanner of Sole Leather shall not sell or deliver any such Leather to any other Tanner of Sole Leather, a Factor of Sole Leather shall not sell or deliver any such Leather to any other Factor of Sole Leather or to any Tanner of Sole Leather, a Dealer in Sole Leather shall not sell or deliver any such Leather to any other Dealer in Sole Leather or to any Factor or Tanner thereof, and a Repairer or Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes shall not re-sell any such Sole Leather except as hereinafter provided.

2. No Tanner of Sole Leather shall sell or deliver any such Sole Leather at a price exceeding by more than 2d. per pound in the case of butts, backs or bends or by more than 1d. per pound in the case of shoulders and bellies, the price fixed as the maximum price for the sale by such Tanner of Sole Leather of the same description for Naval or Military purposes by Orders made by the Army Council under the said Regulations dated the 16th day of August and the 6th day of September, 1917, and in making any such sale no Tanner of Sole Leather shall allow commission to any Factor of Sole Leather at a rate exceeding 4 per cent., but he shall allow discount at the rate of 2½ per cent. for payment within 30 days.

3. No Factor of Sole Leather shall sell or deliver any such Sole Leather of the description aforesaid at a price exceeding the gross price at which such Sole Leather was purchased from the Tanner thereof, provided that in sales of butts, backs or bends in the event of such Factor selling such Leather in lots of less than 50 bends or the equivalent thereof in butts or backs, he may add 1d. per pound to the price of such Leather, and provided further that in sales of shoulders or bellies, in the event of such Factor selling such Leather in lots of less than 5 cwt., he may add 1d. per pound to the price of such Leather; and in all such sales the said Factor of Sole Leather shall allow a discount at the rate of 2½ per cent. for payment within 30 days.

4. No Dealer in Sole Leather shall sell or deliver any Sole Leather of the description aforesaid at a price exceeding the gross price at which it was sold to him by the Tanner or Factor thereof by more than 7½ per cent. in the case of whole bales of butts, backs or bends as delivered by the Tanner thereof and in the case of parcels of shoulders and bellies of not less than 1 cwt. provided that in the event of the said Dealer in Sole Leather selling any such Leather in quantities less than 1 bale in

the case of butts, backs or bends and 1 cwt. in the case of shoulders and bellies an additional 2½ per cent. may be charged and in all such sales the said Dealer shall allow discount at the rate of 2½ per cent. for payment within 30 days.

5. No person having purchased any butts, backs or bends and having cut therefrom any ranges, fore-ends or other roundings capable of being used for or in connection with the production of soles or half-soles shall sell any such ranges, fore-ends or other roundings at a price exceeding a figure less by 5d. (fivepence) than the price paid by him for such butts, backs or bends from which such ranges, fore-ends or other roundings may have been cut, and in all such sales such person shall allow a discount at the rate of 2½ per cent. for payment within 30 days. On any sale of any such ranges, fore-ends or other roundings by any Factor of Sole Leather, the selling price shall not exceed by more than 4 per cent. the gross price at which such ranges, fore-ends or other roundings were purchased by the said Factor of Sole Leather, and in such sale the said Factor shall allow discount at the rate of 2½ per cent. for payment within 30 days. On any sale of any such ranges, fore-ends or other roundings by a Dealer in Sole Leather, the selling price shall not exceed by more than 7½ per cent. the price at which such ranges, fore-ends or other roundings were purchased by the said Dealer, provided that in the case of lots of less than one cwt. an additional 2½ per cent. may be added; and in all such sales as aforesaid the said Dealer shall allow discount at the rate of 2½ per cent. for payment within 30 days.

6. No person shall purchase or take delivery of a quantity of Sole Leather of the description aforesaid exceeding in the aggregate 500 bends or their equivalent in backs or butts or five tons of shoulders or bellies as the case may be from any individual seller during the course of any seven consecutive days.

7. Each Tanner of Sole Leather shall be supplied by the Director of Raw Materials with a code word by which each grade and tannage of Leather sold by him may be identified, and every such Tanner, Factor or Dealer in selling Sole Leather of the description specified above shall quote on the invoice the code numbers for the particular classes of leather included thereon.

8. Every Tanner or Factor of Sole Leather shall, in making any sale of any butts, backs or bends of the description aforesaid to any person not being a repairer or manufacturer of boots or shoes, obtain from the buyer of such Leather a guarantee signed by him in the form set out in Schedule B hereto annexed.

9. Save as in clause 5 hereof is expressly provided nothing in this Order shall be taken as permitting any person holding stocks of leather of the description aforesaid which have been purchased under guarantee for Naval or Military purposes, and subject to conditions imposed by or on behalf of the Director of Raw Materials to be resold or dealt with otherwise than subject to the said conditions, and for Naval or Military purposes only.

10. Nothing in this Order shall apply to any stocks of bellies which may have been invoiced or delivered prior to the 6th day of September, 1917, and the Army Council hereby authorise and permit the sale of such stocks without restriction.

11. For the purpose of this Order the expression "Sole Leather" shall mean any Leather referred to in Schedule A hereto annexed; the expression "Factor" shall mean any Factor or Wholesale Merchant the business carried on by whom consists of the purchase or sale, wholesale, of Leather of the description aforesaid, and the expression "Dealer" shall mean any Dealer or Merchant, the business carried on by whom consists of the purchase or sale, retail, of Leather of the description aforesaid.

12. The Order made by the Army Council under the said Regulations dated the 16th day of August and authorising the sale of certain Sole Leather upon certain conditions is hereby cancelled.

13. This Order may be cited as the Sole Leather (Conditions of Sale) Order, 1917.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. Brade.

SCHEDULE A.

Struck Rolled and Pinned Leather, the manufacture of which was completed after June 30th, 1917, and of the following descriptions:—

Vegetable Tanned Bends, under 10 lbs. in weight, manufactured from imported Hides.

Vegetable Tanned Butts, under 20 lbs. in weight, manufactured from imported Hides.

Vegetable Tanned Backs, under 28 lbs. in weight, manufactured from imported Hides.

Vegetable Tanned Shoulders having a substance under 6 iron at the cut edge.

Vegetable Tanned Bellies having a substance under 5 iron at the fold.

Ranges, Fore-ends and all Roundings and Offals.

SCHEDULE B.

I/We of state that I/We have this day bought Leather made from Imported Hides of the description set forth in Orders of the Army Council dated the 16th day of August and the 6th day of September, 1917, and made under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and I/We hereby guarantee that in consideration of the permission granted to me/us by the said Order to buy the said Leather not less than fifty per cent. of the total quantity of the said Leather, namely, bought under the said permission will be reserved by me/us for sale to the repairing trade.

Dated

Signed

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