

cartage, haulage or barging, to be charged at not exceeding local rates.

The above prices (other than those authorised under paragraphs (b) and (c)) include, in every case, a sum of 12s. 6d. per ton to cover the estimated average cost which will be incurred by makers and producers in distributing the said fertilisers by rail or water throughout the United Kingdom (or in the case of Ground Basic Slag throughout England, Scotland, and Wales and to Irish ports), which sum of 12s. 6d. per ton shall be accounted for in every case by makers and producers receiving the same as hereafter provided.

3. On sales of two tons or upwards by makers or producers to Manure Mixers, Agricultural Merchants or Dealers, or Co-operative Companies or Societies incorporated or registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies' Act, or any other Act, the maximum prices fixed by clause 2 of this Order shall be reduced by a discount or allowance to the purchaser of

5s. per ton in the case of Superphosphate.

10s. per ton in the case of Sulphate of Ammonia.

5s. per ton in the case of Ground Basic Slag.

4. The maximum prices fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order are net cash prices for Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, and Ground Basic Slag in maker's or vendor's bags, net weight excluding weight of bags. Where credit is given to the purchaser a reasonable extra charge may be made, provided that the discount allowed for net cash is quoted on the invoice and is such as to bring the net cash price within the maximum authorised. If purchaser's bags or other packages are used, or the purchaser takes delivery in bulk without bags, a reasonable allowance shall be made to the purchaser. Where one ton or upwards is sold for delivery in bags containing less than 2 cwt. each, a reasonable extra charge may be made beyond the maximum prices which would otherwise have been authorised.

5. As on and from the date on which this Order takes effect no person shall sell or purchase, or offer to sell or purchase any Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag, except for delivery as specified in one or other of the sub-paragraphs of clause 2 of this Order, and at a price not exceeding that prescribed by this Order and the first, second, and third schedules hereto respectively as the maximum price for such sale, having regard to the description and quantity of the fertiliser sold, quality, packages, and date for and terms of delivery; nor shall any maker or producer of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag, sell any of the said fertilisers for delivery as mentioned in paragraphs (a) (d) (e) or (f) of clause 2 of this Order, without bringing into account and dealing with the sum of 12s. 6d. per ton (included in the prices authorised by such paragraphs to be charged on such sales) in manner specified in the scheme for equalising costs of distribution of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, and Ground Basic Slag, set out in the fifth schedule hereto. Provided that:

(a) A vendor of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag shall not be liable to conviction for selling at a price in excess of the maximum price prescribed by this Order for such sale, if the invoice given to the purchaser, as required by clause

6 of this Order, states accurately within the limits of error specified in the fourth schedule hereto, the percentage of Phosphate rendered soluble in water, ammonia, or total phosphate (as the case may be), contained in the Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag sold, and the price charged and stated on such invoice does not exceed the correct maximum price on the basis that the percentage stated in such invoice is correct; and

(b) A purchaser of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag shall not be liable to conviction for purchasing at a price exceeding the maximum price, unless the price agreed to be paid by him is to his knowledge in excess of the maximum price authorised for such purchase.

6. As on and from the date on which this Order takes effect no person shall sell any Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag, without giving to the purchaser, on or before or as soon as possible after delivery, an invoice stating accurately within the limits of error specified in the fourth schedule hereto:—

(a) In the case of Superphosphate the percentage (calculated in terms of tri-basic Phosphate of Lime) of Phosphate rendered soluble in water, contained in the Superphosphate delivered.

(b) In the case of Sulphate of Ammonia the percentage of Ammonia (NH₃) by weight contained in the Sulphate of Ammonia delivered; and

(c) In the case of Ground Basic Slag, the percentage (calculated in terms of tri-basic Phosphate of Lime) of total Phosphate contained in the Basic Slag delivered,

and also, in the case of all three fertilisers, stating the price charged, together with any further particulars required to be stated on such invoice by any of the provisions of this Order or the schedules hereto.

7. None of the foregoing provisions or restrictions of this Order as regards maximum prices chargeable or otherwise shall apply to—

(a) Any sales of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag, for export from the United Kingdom to any country other than the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

(b) Any sales of any of the said fertilisers in quantities less than 14 lbs.

(c) Any sales of any of the said fertilisers for delivery prior to the 1st June, 1918.

(d) Any sales of Sulphate of Ammonia for use in the manufacture of munitions of war or other industrial purposes.

8. As on and from the date on which this Order takes effect, the provisions of the scheme for equalising costs of distribution of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, and Ground Basic Slag set out in the fifth schedule hereto, shall be binding upon all makers or producers of Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, or Ground Basic Slag, and upon the Minister of Munitions, or any other Government Department to which, by arrangement with the Minister of Munitions, the carrying out of the said scheme may be delegated; and any balances becoming payable by any such makers or producers to the Minister of Munitions, or any other such Government Department as aforesaid, under the provisions of such scheme shall be recoverable as Crown Debts.