

*Ministry of Munitions of War,  
Whitehall Place, S.W.1.  
September 6th, 1918.*

**ORDER.**

**CHLORINE AND CHLORINE COMPOUNDS.**

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and of all other powers enabling him, hereby orders as follows:—

1. For all purposes of this Order, "chlorine" shall mean elementary chlorine, either in gaseous or in liquid form, and "chlorine compound" shall mean and include bleaching powder, sodium hypochlorite, all descriptions of chlorine bleach liquor, and all other compounds of or products containing chlorine which are commonly manufactured direct from chlorine, whether in gaseous or in liquid form. And for the purposes of Clauses 2, 4 and 5 of this Order, the weight of any chlorine compound shall be deemed to be the weight of the chlorine contained in the same.

2. As on and from the 16th September, 1918, until further notice, no person shall produce or manufacture any chlorine or chlorine compounds in quantities exceeding in the aggregate one ton during any one calendar month except under a licence issued by or under the authority of the Minister of Munitions and in accordance with the terms and conditions of such licence as to the quantities to be manufactured or otherwise.

3. As from the date of this Order all persons producing or manufacturing chlorine or any chlorine compound, or engaged in any manufacture, trade or business in which chlorine or any chlorine compound is used, shall carry out and comply with all instructions and directions which may be given by or on behalf of the Minister of Munitions with a view to avoiding loss or waste of chlorine.

4. As on and from the 16th September, 1918, no person producing or manufacturing chlorine or any chlorine compound shall, except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by or under the authority of the Minister of Munitions, use more than one ton in all of such chlorine or any chlorine compounds during any one calendar month for the purposes of all other manufactures, trades and businesses carried on by him.

5. As on and from the 16th September, 1918, no person shall supply chlorine or any chlorine compound to any person (whether in pursuance of a contract existing at the date of this Order or otherwise), except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by or under the authority of the Minister of Munitions. Provided that no licence shall be required by any person to supply not more than 56 lbs. of chlorine or chlorine compounds to any one person during any one calendar month.

6. As on and from the day following the date of this Order, no person shall sell or purchase or offer to sell or purchase any liquid chlorine or bleaching powder at a price exceeding the maximum price specified for the same in the schedule hereto. Provided that such maximum prices shall not apply to—(a) any sale of liquid chlorine or bleaching powder for export from the United Kingdom to any country other than the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man; nor (b) any sale of less than 56 lbs. of liquid chlorine or less than one ton of bleaching powder.

7. All persons engaged in producing, manufacturing, selling, distributing or storing

chlorine or any chlorine compound, or in any manufacture, trade or business in which chlorine or any chlorine compound is used, shall make such returns with regard to their business, and shall verify the same in such manner (including production of their books to any accredited representative of the Minister of Munitions being a chartered or incorporated accountant) as shall from time to time be required by or under the authority of the Minister of Munitions. And in particular all such persons shall, within fourteen days from the 1st October, 1918, make to the Minister of Munitions returns of all stocks of chlorine and chlorine compounds in their possession or under their control on that date, such returns to be sent to the Department of Explosives Supply, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1, and to be verified and authenticated by the signature of the person making the same, or, where such person is a firm or company, of a partner, director or other responsible officer. Provided that no return shall be required from any person whose stock of chlorine and chlorine compounds on the 1st October, 1918, does not exceed in the aggregate 1,000 lbs.

8. This Order may be cited as the Chlorine and Chlorine Compounds Order, 1918.

*Note.*—All applications in reference to this Order, including applications for licences, should be addressed to the Department of Explosives Supply, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1, and marked "Chlorine control."

**SCHEDULE.**

*Maximum Prices.*

<i>Liquid Chlorine</i>	... 6d. per lb.
<i>Bleaching Powder</i>	... £15 per ton.

The above maximum prices are net cash prices for liquid chlorine and bleaching powder delivered free on rail or into cart or vessel at maker's works, and include the cost of filling into packages (cylinders and casks), but not the cost of the packages themselves. The packages, if supplied by the maker or vendor, may be charged for in addition at not exceeding current market prices, subject to refund in full on return of the same, carriage paid and in good condition, to the maker's works, except that a reasonable hire charge may be made for packages returned after the expiration of any reasonable period stipulated for the return of the same.

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 or in the contract for sale, and is such as to bring the net cash price within the maximum authorised.

Where delivery is made elsewhere than at maker's works all costs of transport from maker's works to place of delivery may be charged in addition, any cartage or haulage to be charged at not exceeding local rates.

**DEFENCE OF THE REALM  
REGULATIONS.**

**MARINE BOX CHRONOMETERS.**

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Regulation 15 C. of the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling them, hereby order that all persons having in their possession or under their