

Board of Trade,
7, Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W. 1,
14th April, 1919.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

THE PITWOOD ORDER, 1919, DATED 10TH APRIL, 1919, MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRADE UNDER REGULATIONS 2F AND 2J OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

The Board of Trade, deeming it expedient to make further exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Regulations 2F and 2J of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, hereby order as follows:—

1. For the purposes of this Order Great Britain shall be divided into areas called Pitwood areas of supply as defined in the first Schedule hereto.

The expression " Pitwood " means pit props, sawn props and timber in the round which is intended for use in mines.

2. From the 30th day of April, 1919, no person shall deliver, move or consign or cause or permit to be delivered, moved or consigned, pitwood from Area of Supply No. 1 described in the first Schedule hereto to any other area of supply, unless such pitwood is consigned direct to a colliery or mine.

3. From the 30th day of April, 1919, no person shall buy or sell or offer to buy or sell pitwood (whether in selected sizes or otherwise) at prices exceeding those set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, provided that the Controller of Coal Mines by notice under his hand may from time to time alter such prices and the prices as altered shall thereafter be the maximum prices at which pitwood may be bought or sold.

4. From the 30th day of April, 1919, no person shall deliver, move or consign or cause or permit to be delivered, moved or consigned pitwood from Pitwood Area of Supply No. 1 to another area except under and in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Controller of Coal Mines or by a person duly authorised on his behalf.

5. Home Grown Pitwood shall be sold, invoiced and consigned, separate and apart from imported pitwood.

6. Where pitwood is sold by weight in any area of supply other than No. 1 the price shall not exceed the equivalent price per 100 lineal feet based on the prices set forth in the Second Schedule hereto.

7. Infringements of this Order are summary offences against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

8. As from the 30th day of April, 1919, the Pitwood Order, 1918, is hereby revoked without prejudice to any Act or matter done or suffered or to any proceeding or prosecution instituted thereunder.

9. This Order may be cited as the Pitwood Order, 1919.

W. F. Marwood,

A Secretary to the Board of Trade.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Pitwood Areas of Supply.

1. (South Wales and Monmouthshire) includes the counties of:—

Cardigan, Pembroke, Brecon, Monmouth, Devon, Dorset, Radnor, Carmarthen, Glamorgan, Cornwall, Somerset, Wilts (excluding portion of Somerset and Wilts within 10 miles of Somerset Collieries), Berkshire, Hampshire (including Isle of Wight).

2. England and Wales (except South Wales and Monmouthshire) includes the whole of England and Wales with the exception of the Counties or portions of Counties named in Area of Supply No. 1.

3. Scotland.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

PART I.

Maximum Prices of Home Grown Pitwood.

(a) Pitwood area of Supply No. 1.

Pitwood delivered on rail at mine sidings, or failing rail connection at mine premises, 65s. per ton. Pitwood from Ireland, similar price delivered ex ship. For larch only the price may be increased by ten per cent.

(b) Pitwood Area of Supply No. 2.

Pitprops cut to lengths delivered on rail at mine sidings, or failing rail connection at mine premises:—

	Per 100 lineal feet.	
	s.	d.
2½ in. tip under bark	9	6
3 in. tip under bark	13	6
3½ in. tip under bark	20	6
4 in. tip under bark	27	0
4½ in. tip under bark	34	0
5 in. tip under bark	42	0
5½ in. tip under bark	48	0
6 in. tip under bark	55	0
6½ in. tip under bark	62	0
7 in. tip under bark	70	0
7½ in. tip under bark	78	0
8 in. tip under bark	88	0

For Larch only, cut to lengths as above, these prices may be increased by ten per cent.

For peeled pitwood an additional one shilling and sixpence per 100 lineal feet may be charged.

For tree lengths or long pitwood or pitwood over 8 in. diameter the maximum price delivered free on rail or barge at loading station shall be: For Larch, 2s. 3d.; for Scots Pine and Douglas Fir, 1s. 11d.; and for Spruce and other coniferous timber, except the before-mentioned, 1s. 10d. per cubic foot.

These prices are subject to the usual monthly account, less 2½ per cent. discount.

(c) Pitwood area of Supply No. 3 (Scotland).

Sawn props cut to length, delivered on rail at mine sidings, or failing rail connection at mine premises.

Sawn Props.		Lengths.	Price per 100 lineal feet.
			s. d.
4¾ in. quartered, or	2 in. square or equal	Up to 2½ feet	6 0
5¼ in. "	2½ in. "	" 3 "	7 6
5¾ in. "	2¾ in. "	" 4½ "	9 0
6¼ in. "	2¾ in. "	" 5 "	11 6
6¾ in. "	2¾ in. "	From 5 to 6 feet	13 0
7¼ in. "	3 in. "	Up to 6 feet	15 0
7¾ in. "	3 in. "	" 6 "	20 0
8¼ in. "	3 in. "	" 7 "	24 0