

Suspension of Order or Part Thereof.

4. The Controller may suspend from time to time and for any period, and in any district or part of a district of a Local Authority, the operation of all or any of the provisions of this Order as he may think fit, and may in like manner restore such operation.

Application of Order; Definitions.

5. This Order applies to

A. England and Wales and in respect of England and Wales throughout this Order the expression "Local Authority" means the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, the Council of a Metropolitan Borough, the Council of a Municipal Borough or other Urban District, the Council of a Rural District, or the Council of the Isles of Scilly;

B. Scotland and in respect of Scotland throughout this Order the expression "Local Authority" means the Council of a County or Burgh, or any District Committee to which a County Council shall delegate its powers under this Order.

Throughout this Order "Month" means a calendar month; "Quarter" means a three-monthly period ending as nearly as possible on the 31st March, the 30th June, the 30th September or the 31st December in any year; "Person" includes any firm or association or body of persons, a company, corporation or other corporate body; "Dwelling-house" includes any part of a dwelling-house in separate occupation.

PART II.—DUTIES OF CONSUMERS.

Consumers to Register for Supply of Coal.

6. Every person requiring coal coming within the scope of this Order shall register with a coal merchant or dealer for the supply of such coal in such form and manner as may be required by the Local Fuel Overseer with the approval of the Controller. A separate registration shall be permitted for the supply of coke as distinct from coal.

Consumers not to Acquire Coal Unless Registered.

7. No person being a consumer shall after the date upon which this Order comes into effect purchase, obtain or in any way acquire coal coming within the scope of this Order unless he shall have registered with a coal merchant or dealer as required by this Order; nor shall he purchase, obtain or in any way acquire coal for consumption from any other coal merchant or dealer than the one with whom he is registered except with the previous assent in writing of the Local Fuel Overseer.

Maximum Quantities Allowed, Except on Certificate.

8. Subject to the provisions of clauses 9, 10 and 11 hereof, no person being a consumer shall after the date upon which this Order comes into effect obtain for consumption or consume in any premises to which this Order applies coal, gas and electricity in excess of the following quantities, namely:—

Coal: 5 tons in the year commencing with the 1st July, 1919; and

Gas: 12,500 cubic feet in any quarter; and

Electricity: 400 Board of Trade units in any quarter;

unless he has previously obtained from the Local Fuel Overseer a certificate in writing authorizing him to obtain for consumption or consume a larger quantity or larger quantities, in which event he shall not exceed the quantity or quantities shown on such certificate.

All supplies and deliveries of coal made to a consumer under certificates issued under the provisions of the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918, or the Household Fuel and Lighting (Scotland) Order, 1918, which are not required for consumption in or attributable to the period prior to the 30th June, 1919, shall be deemed to be made on account of the allowance of such consumer under this clause and shall be so recorded by the registered coal merchant or licensed coal dealer making the supply or delivery.

Allocation of Allowance Over Months of Year.

9. The quantity of coal, gas and electricity to which a person is entitled under the preceding clause in respect of any premises coming within the scope of this Order is hereinafter referred to as his allowance for such premises, and shall relate to a full year or quarter as the case may be. In determining the allowance for any part of a year in the case of coal the annual quantity shall be allocated to each month of the year in such a way that a consumer in a summer month (May to October inclusive) shall receive only half as much as in a winter month (November to April inclusive) but in the case of gas and electricity the quarterly quantities shall be allocated equally to each month of the year.

Every allowance shall be for the year commencing from July 1st, 1919, or for such part thereof as the premises concerned are in the occupation or use of the consumer in respect of whom the allowance is determined.

Conversion Equivalents for Coal, Gas and Electricity.

10. A consumer shall on application to the Local Fuel Overseer of the district in which the premises are situate be permitted as far as possible to take his allowance for such premises as coal, gas and/or electricity in such proportions as he desires.

In making any alteration or variation in the quantities of coal, gas or electricity the Local Fuel Overseer shall observe the following rules:—

1. A ton of coal shall be deemed to be equivalent to 18,750 cubic feet of gas.

2. A ton of coal shall be deemed to be equivalent to 1,000 Board of Trade units of electricity.

3. A ton of coal shall be deemed to be equivalent to 30 cwts. of coke.

4. Alterations or variations shall only be granted to the nearest quarter of a ton.

Provided always that a consumer may not, without the assent of the Local Fuel Overseer, elect to take for consumption more gas or electricity than the quantity taken in the previous year.

The Controller may, by notice at any time and for any district, alter the conversion equivalents set out in this clause or may establish additional conversion equivalents without prejudice to any matters or things done under this Order and without revision of any certificates issued under this Order.