



I assent.

*John Denham*

Governor.

13<sup>th</sup> January, 1934.

## BRITISH GUIANA.

ORDINANCE NO. / OF 1934.

AN ORDINANCE to make provision to regulate the price of food and for purposes connected therewith. A.D. 1934.

**B**E it enacted by the Governor of British Guiana, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Food Prices Regulation Short Title Ordinance, 1934.

Interpreta-  
tion.

2. In this Ordinance the expression—

“Food” includes every article or animal used for food and any article used for drink by man, and drugs and any article which ordinarily enters into the composition of human food, and also includes flavouring matters and condiments, and any crops growing or reaped but does not include water not being aerated and artificial mineral water.

Power of the  
Governor in  
Council to  
fix the price  
of food or  
fuel.

3.—(1) The Governor in Council may, if he considers it necessary to prevent any undue increase in the price of food or of any article used as fuel, by Order prescribe the maximum price at which any article of food or used as fuel shall be sold in any district either by wholesale or retail.

(2) The expressions “wholesale” and “retail” may be defined and wholesale and retail dealers may be divided into different classes in any Order.

(3) In any Order it may be directed that any article of food or used as fuel therein mentioned shall be sold by weight.

(4) In every Order there shall be defined the district to which it applies.

(5) An Order may be altered or revoked by a subsequent Order.

(6) Every Order shall be published in the *Gazette* and one daily newspaper.

Restriction  
on removal  
of food.

4.—(1) The Governor may by Proclamation, regulate, restrict or direct in such manner as he may think fit the removal of any article of food from any place or district to be mentioned in the Proclamation.

(2) A Proclamation may be altered or revoked by a subsequent Proclamation.

(3) Every Proclamation shall be published in the *Gazette* and a daily newspaper.

Power to  
seize and  
sell articles  
of food or  
fuel.

5.—(1) The Governor may in writing direct the Colonial Secretary to order any person (hereinafter referred to as an “officer”) to enter on any premises and to seize and take possession of any article of food or used as fuel in or on the premises and to sell any article so seized and taken.

(2) The officer shall sell any article seized and taken in pursuance of sub-section (1) of this section at such place as he may deem convenient and at a price not exceeding the price fixed by an Order under section three.

(3) The officer shall pay to the person whose article has been seized the price realised after deducting the expenses of the seizure and sale.

(4) Every order by the Colonial Secretary shall be in writing signed by him and shall state the name of the officer and describe the premises.

6.—(1) Any person who—

- (a) shall ask or demand or sell any article of food or used as fuel for a price higher than that prescribed by any Order, or  
 (b) shall refuse to sell any article of food or used as fuel which he has exposed for sale for which the price prescribed by an Order is offered in money

Penalty for  
contraven-  
tion of Order  
fixing price.

shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, and for a second or subsequent offence to such penalty or to imprisonment with or without hard labour not exceeding six months.

(2) The owner of any shop or store, his agent and any person engaged in selling in the shop or store in which any article is exposed for sale or any person who offers any article for sale shall be deemed to have the article exposed for sale.

7. Any person who contravenes any Proclamation under section four or who resists or obstructs any officer in the execution of an order or in the sale of an article under section five shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and forty dollars.

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Proclama-  
tion or ob-  
structing  
officer.

8 Offences and penalties under this Ordinance may be prosecuted and recovered under the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinances.

Penalties  
enforceable  
under Sum-  
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*Passed by the Legislative Council this 13th day of January, 1934.*

  
Clerk of the Council.

(M.P. 176/34).