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BRITISH GUIANA

ORDER

Made Under

THE EMERGENCY POWERS REGULATIONS, 1963,

WHEREAS on the 10th day of May, 1963, the Governor duly appointed me, the Minister of Works and Hydraulics, to be the Competent Authority for the purposes of all the Emergency Powers Regulations, 1963, in which the expression Competent Authority occurs;

AND WHEREAS it appears to me to be necessary for maintaining supplies essential to the life of the community to regulate the distribution, sale, use and consumption of certain articles in British Guiana:

NOW THEREFORE, under regulation 31 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 1963, I do hereby order as follows:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Maintenance of Supplies) Order, 1963.

2. In this Order -

"wholesaler" includes anyone whose trade or business whether wholly or partly includes the selling of any of the goods specified in the schedule to this Order to any person whose normal trade or business whether wholly or partly includes the selling directly to members of the public for consumption, and also includes anyone whose trade or business whether wholly or partly includes the selling of any of the goods specified in the schedule to this Order to any person whose normal trade or business whether wholly or partly includes the distribution of such goods to anyone whose normal trade or business whether wholly or partly includes the selling of such goods directly to any member of the public for consumption.

3. No wholesaler of goods specified in the schedule hereto shall sell, offer or expose for sale, distribute, deliver or give whether or not for consideration such goods to any person other than a person duly authorised in writing by the Competent Authority

4. No person shall purchase, offer to purchase, accept or take whether or not for consideration from a wholesaler any goods specified in the schedule hereto unless he is authorised in writing by the Competent Authority to purchase, offer to purchase, accept or take such goods.

5. The two immediately preceding articles of this Order shall apply in respect of goods specified in the schedule hereto which were sold by a wholesaler but not yet delivered to the purchaser at the commencement of this order.

6. Every wholesaler of goods specified in the schedule hereto shall submit to the Competent Authority in writing not later than two days after the coming into operation of this Order a complete statement of the stocks of such goods held by him in any place whatsoever in connection with his trade or business at the date of the commencement of this Order and shall thereafter submit to the Competent Authority within two days after receipt, a statement of all such goods from time to time received by him into stock.

7. The use of wheat flour for the making of pastries and cakes for sale without the permission of the Competent Authority is hereby prohibited.

8. Where any articles or goods necessary for the maintenance of supplies essential to the life of the community have been sold or consigned but have not been delivered to the purchaser or consignee as the case may be the Competent Authority may in writing require any person who has such articles or goods in his possession, custody or control forthwith to deliver the same to the purchaser or the consignee as the case may be.

9. Every shipping agent shall within 24 hours after the arrival of any ship of which he is the agent in British Guiana deliver to the Competent Authority a copy of the ship's manifest.

10. The Competent Authority shall have power to require every person carrying on or employed in connection with any wholesale or retail trade or business dealing with any of the goods specified in the schedule hereto, to produce any books, accounts, or other documents relating to that trade or business.

11. Every retail shopkeeper or other person who retails any of the goods specified in the schedule hereto shall within 5 days of the making of this Order deliver to the Competent Authority a complete statement supported by all relevant bills and vouchers setting forth the total quantity of any of the said goods which were purchased by him between the 1st day of January, 1963, and the 31st day of March, 1963, inclusive of both dates.

12. For the purposes of securing compliance with this Order the Competent Authority may enter and inspect any wholesale or retail business premises, warehouses or bonds, and may in addition enter and inspect any other premises in which he has reason to believe there may be any of the goods specified in the schedule hereto.

13. (1) The Competent Authority may in writing authorise any person to perform any of his functions under this Order. Any person so authorised shall act subject to such directions as may from time to time be given by the Competent Authority.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding paragraph of this article of this Order and subject to any directions from time to time issued by the Competent Authority each District Commissioner and each Assistant District Commissioner in the counties of Essequibo and Berbice and any other person authorised in writing by a District Commissioner or Assistant District Commissioner shall within the Administrative District of such District Commissioner or Assistant District Commissioner discharge the functions of the Competent Authority under this Order.

14. This Order shall come into force on the 11th day of May, 1963, and shall apply notwithstanding any law to the contrary.

Ordered this 11th day of May, 1963.

RAM KARRAN

Minister of Works and Hydraulics.

The Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Wheat flour	Cooking butter
Split peas	Pickled pork products
Salted and pickled fish	Pickled beef
Condensed milk	Salt
Evaporated milk	Sugar
Powdered milk	Edible oil
Canned meat and fish	Margarine.