



Prices Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 24

1^{F1} **U.K.**

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 1, 6, 8(2), Sch. paras. 1, 2, 4 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c. 43), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. II**

^{F2} **Power of Secretary of State to regulate price of food and certain other goods.** **U.K.**

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 2 repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **Sch. 1 Pt. 16** Group 2

3^{F3} **U.K.**

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 3 repealed by Price Commission Act 1977 (c. 33), **Sch. 3**

4 **Price marking.** **U.K.**

[^{F4}(1) The Secretary of State may by order make provision for securing—

- (a) that prices are indicated on or in relation to goods which a person indicates are or may be for sale by retail, whether or not the goods are in existence when he does so;

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- (b) that charges are indicated for services which a person indicates are or may be provided, except services which he indicates are or may be provided only for the purposes of businesses carried on by other persons;
 - (c) that prices of such goods or charges for such services are not indicated in a manner which the Secretary of State considers inappropriate and that no part of a penny except one half-penny is specified in the amount of an indicated price or charge.]
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, an order under this section [^{F5}may specify the kinds of goods or services to which and the circumstances in which the order applies and]—
- (a) may make provision as to the manner in which any price is to be indicated;
 - (b) may require that the price [^{F5}or charge] to be indicated on or in relation to any goods [^{F5}or services] shall be, or shall include, a price [^{F5}or charge] expressed by reference to such unit or units of measurement as may be specified in the order;
 - (c) may, in relation to goods [^{F5}or services] subject to value added tax, make provision as to the circumstances in which the price [^{F5}or charge] to be indicated may or may not be exclusive of the tax and as to the indication to be given of the tax included in, or payable in addition to, the price [^{F5}or charge;]
 - (d) may make different provision in relation to different circumstances and may contain such supplementary provisions as the Secretary of State thinks necessary or expedient.
- [^{F6}(3) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State shall consult, in such manner as appears to him to be appropriate having regard to the subject-matter and urgency of the order, with such organisations representative of interests substantially affected by the order as appear to him, having regard to those matters, to be appropriate.]
- (4) The power to make an order under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument and includes power to vary or revoke a previous order; and a statutory instrument containing an order under this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) In the application of this section to Northern Ireland for any reference to the Secretary of State there shall be substituted a reference to the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland and any order made by the Department under this section shall be [^{F7}a statutory rule for the purposes of the ^{M1}Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 and be] subject to negative resolution within the meaning of section 41(6) of the ^{M2}Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 as if it were a statutory instrument within the meaning of that Act; and subsection (4) above shall not apply to any such order except in so far as that subsection confers a power to vary or revoke a previous order.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 4: s. 4 power exercised by [S.I. 1991/206](#).
 S. 4: s. 4 power exercised by [S.I. 1991/1382](#)
 S. 4: s. 4 power exercised by [S.I.1991/1690](#)
 S. 4: for exercises of this power see Index to Government Orders.
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Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 4(1) substituted by [Price Commission Act 1977 \(c. 33\), s. 16\(1\)](#)

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- F5** Words inserted by [Price Commission Act 1977 \(c. 33\), s. 16\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F6** [S. 4\(3\)](#) substituted (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\), Sch. 2 para. 11](#)
- F7** Words inserted by [Price Commission Act 1977 \(c. 33\), s. 16\(3\)](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1958 c.18 \(N.I.\)](#)
- M2** [1954 c. 33 \(N.I.\)](#)

^{F8}5 Price range notices. U.K.

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Textual Amendments

- F8** [S. 5](#) repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\), Sch. 1 Pt. 16](#) Group 2

6 ^{F9} U.K.

Textual Amendments

- F9** [Ss. 1, 6, 8\(2\), Sch. paras. 1, 2, 4](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\), s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)

7 Enforcement. U.K.

The Schedule to this Act shall have effect ^{F10}... for the enforcement of orders under sections ^{F10}... 4 ^{F10}... above.

Textual Amendments

- F10** Words in [s. 7](#) repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\), Sch. 1 Pt. 16](#) Group 2

8 Financial provisions. U.K.

- (1) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament—
 - (a) the expenses of any government department in respect of the administration of this Act;
 - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.

(2) ^{F11}

Textual Amendments

- F11** [Ss. 1, 6, 8\(2\), Sch. paras. 1, 2, 4](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\), s. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)

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9 Short title and interpretation. U.K.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Prices Act 1974.
- (2) In this Act “food” means food and drink for human consumption.
- (3) In this Act any reference to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any subsequent enactment.

^{F12}(4)

Textual Amendments

F12 S. 9(4) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), Sch. 1 Pt. 16 Group 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 9(4) amended by Prices Act 1975 (c. 32), s. 2(1)

Changes to legislation:

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