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**Coal Distribution**

THE COAL DISTRIBUTION (RESTRICTION) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER,  
1956.

1956. No. 64

In exercise of the powers under Regulations 55 and 55AA(1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(a), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(b) and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(c) and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1955(d), delegated to it by instruments of delegation made respectively by the Board of Trade on 26th May, 1941, and the Ministry of Fuel and Power on 16th October, 1943, under the said Regulations, as having effect as aforesaid, and of all other powers it enabling, the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") hereby makes the following Order:—

*Restrictions of supplies of coal (other than coal specified  
in Article 2)*

1.—(1) The maximum quantity of coal (other than coal to which the next following Article applies) which may be supplied or acquired (whether or not for a consideration) without special authority given by the Ministry during the period beginning on the 1st day of May, 1956, and ending on the 30th day of April, 1957, for consumption in any controlled premises (hereinafter called "the permitted quantity") shall be:—

- (a) 50 cwt. in respect of any controlled premises in which a supply of gas or electricity is normally available for the purpose of heating or cooking;
- (b) 60 cwt. in respect of any other controlled premises.

(2) The whole or any part of the permitted quantity may be supplied or acquired at any time during the period beginning on the 1st day of May, 1956, and ending on the 31st day of October, 1956.

(3) Of the permitted quantity, not more than 10 cwt. may be supplied or acquired in any one of the three periods of two months ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1956, the twenty-eighth day of February, 1957, or the thirtieth day of April, 1957, respectively.

(a) 9 and 10 Geo. 6, c. 10 and S.R. & O. 1945, No. 1618.

(b) 10 and 11 Geo. 6, c. 55.

(c) 14 and 15 Geo. 6, c. 25.

(d) S.I. 1955, No. 1810.

*Restriction of supplies of certain kinds of coal.*

2.—(1) This Article applies to coal of the following kinds:—

- (a) Anthracite;
- (b) Dry steam coal; and
- (c) Manufactured fuel.

(2) During the period beginning on the 1st day of May, 1956, and ending on the 30th day of April, 1957, no person shall supply (whether or not for a consideration) for consumption in any controlled premises, any coal to which this Article applies, except under and in accordance with an authority given by the Ministry or in a quantity which does not exceed that permitted under Article 6 of the Coal Supply (Northern Ireland) Order, 1951(a).

*Interpretation*

3. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“controlled premises” means any premises in Northern Ireland in which coal is or is to be consumed other than the premises of a gas, electricity, railway or other industrial undertaking, in which coal is or is to be consumed for the purposes of the undertaking and in which the yearly consumption of coal exceeds one hundred tons;

“Coal” includes bituminous coal, cannel coal, manufactured fuel and anthracite, but does not include

- (a) Anthracite duff
- (b) washery slurry
- (c) coke
- (d) bituminous coal consigned by the National Coal Board for domestic purposes, but outside the Board’s house coal quality groups because of its unsuitable size or quality;
- (e) small, salvaged or other coal certified by the Ministry to be outside the Board’s house coal quality groups because of its unsuitable size or quality;
- (f) “Coalite.” and “Rexco.”

“manufactured fuel” includes any manufactured fuel of which coal or anthracite is the principal constituent but does not include household coal briquettes or coke.

*Commencement and Citation*

4. (1) This Order shall come into force on the first day of May, 1956.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Restriction) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1956.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this twenty-fifth day of April, One  
(L.S.) Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-six in the presence  
of

*B. J. Ahern,*  
Assistant Secretary.