

1969 No. 1173

## WAGES COUNCILS

## The Wages Regulation (Paper Box) (Holidays) Order 1969

*Made* - - - 13th August 1969  
*Coming into Operation* 17th September 1969

Whereas the Secretary of State has received from the Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) the wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of her powers under section 11 of the Wages Councils Act 1959(a), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wages Regulation (Paper Box) (Holidays) Order 1969.

2.—(1) In this Order the expression “the specified date” means the 17th September 1969, provided that where, as respects any worker who is paid wages at intervals not exceeding seven days, that date does not correspond with the beginning of the period for which the wages are paid, the expression “the specified date” means, as respects that worker, the beginning of the next such period following that date.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto shall have effect as from the specified date and as from that date the Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Holidays) Order 1966(c) shall cease to have effect.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.  
 13th August 1969.

*A. A. Jarratt,*  
 Deputy Under Secretary of State,  
 Department of Employment and Productivity.

## SCHEDULE

## Article 3

The following provisions as to holidays and holiday remuneration shall be substituted for the provisions as to holidays and holiday remuneration set out in the Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Holidays) Order 1966 (hereinafter referred to as “Order B.(81)”).

PART I  
 APPLICATION

1. This Schedule applies to every male or female worker (other than a homeworker) for whom statutory minimum remuneration has been fixed.

(a) 1959 c. 69.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1966/821 (1966 II, p. 1894).

**PART II**  
**CUSTOMARY HOLIDAYS**

2.—(1) An employer shall allow to every worker in his employment to whom this Schedule applies a holiday (hereinafter referred to as a "customary holiday") in each year on the days specified in the following sub-paragraph provided that the worker has been in his employment for a period of not less than four weeks immediately preceding the customary holiday and has worked for the employer for not less than half that period and (unless excused by the employer or absent by reason of the proved illness of the worker) has worked for the employer throughout the last working day on which work was available to him immediately preceding the customary holiday.

(2) The said customary holidays are:—

(a) (i) In England and Wales—

Christmas Day (or, if Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, such weekday as may be appointed by national proclamation, or, if none is so appointed, the next following Tuesday), Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday, August Bank Holiday and any day proclaimed as an additional bank holiday or as a public holiday;

(ii) In Scotland—

New Year's Day (or, if New Year's Day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday);

the local Spring holiday;

the local Autumn holiday;

three other days (being days on which the worker normally works for the employer) in the course of a calendar year, to be fixed by the employer and notified to the worker not less than three weeks before the holiday, and any day proclaimed as an additional bank holiday or as a public holiday;

or (b) in the case of each of the said days (other than a day fixed by the employer in Scotland and notified to the worker as aforesaid) a day substituted by the employer therefor, being either—

(i) a day recognised by local custom as a day of holiday in substitution for the said day; or

(ii) in any establishment or branch a day agreed between the employer and the majority of the workers employed at that establishment or branch or the representative or representatives of the majority of such workers.

(3) Where in England and Wales, Christmas Day or Boxing Day, or in Scotland, New Year's Day (or any day substituted for any one of these days under the provisions of (b) of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph) falls on a Saturday, the employer shall allow:—

(a) to a worker who normally works for the employer on five days a week but does not normally work for him on a Saturday, instead of the customary holiday, a holiday on a day on which the worker normally works for the employer during the eight weeks immediately following the customary holiday;

(b) to a worker who normally works for the employer on six days a week (including Saturday) but normally works on a Saturday for not more than five hours, in addition to the customary holiday, a holiday on a Saturday during the eight weeks immediately following the customary holiday:

Provided that a worker shall not be entitled to a holiday in pursuance of this sub-paragraph:—

(i) if he is not qualified under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph to be allowed the customary holiday and would not be so qualified if he normally worked for the employer on a Saturday;

or (ii) if, in the case of a worker to whom (a) of this sub-paragraph applies, he has been allowed a day of holiday (not being a customary holiday or a day of annual holiday) on a day on which he would normally work for the employer in the four weeks immediately preceding the customary

holiday and has been paid for that holiday not less than the amount to which he would have been entitled had the day been a customary holiday allowed to him under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph;

or (iii) if, in the case of a worker to whom (b) of this sub-paragraph applies, he has been allowed not less than 4 hours off from work during his normal working hours on a day on which the worker would normally have worked for the employer (not being a customary holiday or a day of annual holiday) during the ten days immediately preceding the customary holiday and has been paid in respect of the hours off so allowed to him not less than the statutory minimum remuneration to which he would have been entitled as a time worker if he had worked throughout those hours on his usual work.

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, an employer may (unless it is not lawful for him to do so) require a worker who is otherwise qualified to be allowed a customary holiday to work thereon and where he does so the employer shall allow the worker a day's holiday (hereinafter referred to as a "holiday in lieu of a customary holiday") on a day on which he normally works for the employer within four weeks of the customary holiday.
- (5) A worker who is required to work on a customary holiday shall be paid:—
- (a) for all time worked thereon at the minimum rate then appropriate to the worker for work on a customary holiday; and
- (b) in respect of the holiday in lieu of the customary holiday, holiday remuneration in accordance with paragraph 6.

### PART III

#### ANNUAL HOLIDAY

3.—(1) In addition to the holidays specified in Part II of this Schedule and subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph and of paragraph 4, an employer shall, between the date on which this Schedule becomes effective and 30th September 1969, and in each succeeding year between 31st March and 30th September, allow a holiday (hereinafter referred to as an "annual holiday") to every worker in his employment to whom this Schedule applies who has been employed by him during the 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the holiday season for any one of the periods of employment specified below, and the duration of the annual holiday shall in the case of each such worker be related to that period as follows:—

#### A. DURATION OF ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN 12 MONTHS COMMENCING 31st MARCH 1969

Workers with a normal working week of six days		Workers with a normal working week of five days	
Period of employment	Duration of annual holiday	Period of employment	Duration of annual holiday
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
At least 48 weeks .. ..	15 days	At least 48 weeks .. ..	13 days
" " 44 " .. ..	11 "	" " 43 " .. ..	9 "
" " 40 " .. ..	10 "	" " 38 " .. ..	8 "
" " 36 " .. ..	9 "	" " 33 " .. ..	7 "
" " 32 " .. ..	8 "	" " 28 " .. ..	6 "
" " 28 " .. ..	7 "	" " 24 " .. ..	5 "
" " 24 " .. ..	6 "	" " 19 " .. ..	4 "
" " 20 " .. ..	5 "	" " 14 " .. ..	3 "
" " 16 " .. ..	4 "	" " 9 " .. ..	2 "
" " 12 " .. ..	3 "	" " 4 " .. ..	1 day
" " 8 " .. ..	2 "		
" " 4 " .. ..	1 day		

Workers with a normal working week of four days				Workers with a normal working week of three days or less			
Period of employment			Duration of annual holiday	Period of employment			Duration of annual holiday
Column 5			Column 6	Column 7			Column 8
At least 48 weeks	..	..	9 days	At least 48 weeks	..	..	7 days
" " 42	"	"	7 "	" " 40	"	"	5 "
" " 36	"	"	6 "	" " 32	"	"	4 "
" " 30	"	"	5 "	" " 24	"	"	3 "
" " 24	"	"	4 "	" " 16	"	"	2 "
" " 18	"	"	3 "	" " 8	"	"	1 day
" " 12	"	"	2 "				
" " 6	"	"	1 day				

**B. DURATION OF ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN 12 MONTHS COMMENCING  
31st MARCH 1970 AND THEREAFTER**

Workers with a normal working week of six days				Workers with a normal working week of five days			
Period of employment			Duration of annual holiday	Period of employment			Duration of annual holiday
Column 1			Column 2	Column 3			Column 4
At least 48 weeks	..	..	18 days	At least 48 weeks	..	..	15 days
" " 44	"	"	11 "	" " 43	"	"	9 "
" " 40	"	"	10 "	" " 38	"	"	8 "
" " 36	"	"	9 "	" " 33	"	"	7 "
" " 32	"	"	8 "	" " 28	"	"	6 "
" " 28	"	"	7 "	" " 24	"	"	5 "
" " 24	"	"	6 "	" " 19	"	"	4 "
" " 20	"	"	5 "	" " 14	"	"	3 "
" " 16	"	"	4 "	" " 9	"	"	2 "
" " 12	"	"	3 "	" " 4	"	"	1 day
" " 8	"	"	2 "				
" " 4	"	"	1 day				

Workers with a normal working week of four days				Workers with a normal working week of three days or less			
Period of employment			Duration of annual holiday	Period of employment			Duration of annual holiday
Column 5			Column 6	Column 7			Column 8
At least 48 weeks	..	..	12 days	At least 48 weeks	..	..	9 days
" " 42	"	"	7 "	" " 40	"	"	5 "
" " 36	"	"	6 "	" " 32	"	"	4 "
" " 30	"	"	5 "	" " 24	"	"	3 "
" " 24	"	"	4 "	" " 16	"	"	2 "
" " 18	"	"	3 "	" " 8	"	"	1 day
" " 12	"	"	2 "				
" " 6	"	"	1 day				

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph:—

(a) (i) the number of days of annual holiday which an employer is required to allow to a worker in respect of a period of employment during the 12 months immediately preceding 31st March 1969 shall not exceed in the aggregate—

in the case of a worker with a normal working week of five or six days, twice the number of days constituting the worker's normal working week, *plus three days*; and

in the case of a worker with a normal working week of four days or less, twice the number of days constituting the worker's normal working week, *plus one day*.

(ii) *the number of days of annual holiday which an employer is required to allow to a worker in respect of a period of employment during the 12 months immediately preceding 31st March 1970 and during the 12 months immediately preceding 31st March in each succeeding year shall not exceed in the aggregate three times the number of days constituting the worker's normal working week;*

(b) the holiday season may be varied in any year by agreement between the employer and the worker if they jointly notify the Wages Council of such agreement and any reference to a holiday season in this Schedule shall be construed accordingly;

(c) the duration of the worker's annual holiday during the holiday season ending on 30th September 1969, shall be reduced by any days of annual holiday duly allowed to him by the employer under the provisions of Order B. (81) between 31st March 1969, and the date on which this Schedule becomes effective.

(3) In this Schedule the expression "holiday season" means in relation to an annual holiday during the year 1969, the period commencing on 31st March 1969, and ending on 30th September 1969, and in relation to each subsequent year, the period commencing on 31st March and ending on 30th September in that year.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, an annual holiday shall be allowed on consecutive working days, being days on which the worker is normally called upon to work for the employer.

(2) (a) Where the number of days of annual holiday for which a worker has qualified exceeds the number of days constituting his normal working week, but does not exceed twice that number, the holiday may be allowed in two periods of consecutive working days; so, however, that when a holiday is so allowed, one of the periods shall consist of a number of such days not less than the number of days constituting the worker's normal working week.

(b) Where the number of days of annual holiday for which a worker has qualified exceeds twice the number of days constituting his normal working week the holiday may be allowed as follows:—

(i) as to two periods of consecutive working days, each such period not being less than the period constituting the worker's normal working week, during the holiday season; and

(ii) as to any additional days referred to in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 3 above, on working days to be fixed by the employer, either during the holiday season or within the period ending on 30th March immediately following the holiday season.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, days of annual holiday shall be treated as consecutive notwithstanding that a day of holiday allowed to a worker under Part II of this Schedule, a day referred to in sub-paragraph (5) of this paragraph, or a day on which he does not normally work for the employer intervenes.

(4) Where a day of holiday allowed to a worker under Part II of this Schedule immediately precedes a period of annual holiday or occurs during such a period and the total number of days of annual holiday required to be allowed in the period

under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, together with any such day of holiday allowed under Part II of this Schedule, exceeds the number of days constituting the worker's normal working week then, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the duration of that period of annual holiday may be reduced by one day and in such a case one day of annual holiday may be allowed on any working day (not being the worker's weekly short day) in the holiday season.

- (5) A day of annual holiday shall not be allowed to a worker on any day on which he is entitled to a holiday under any enactment other than the Wages Councils Act 1959.
5. An employer shall give to a worker reasonable notice of the commencing date or dates and of the duration of his annual holiday. Such notice may be given individually to a worker or by the posting of a notice in the place where the worker is employed.

#### PART IV

#### HOLIDAY REMUNERATION

##### A—CUSTOMARY HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAYS IN LIEU OF CUSTOMARY HOLIDAYS

- 6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, for each day of holiday which a worker is allowed under Part II of this Schedule he shall be paid by the employer holiday remuneration equal to the appropriate statutory minimum remuneration to which he would have been entitled as a time worker if the day had not been a day of holiday and he had been employed on work entitling him to statutory minimum remuneration for the time normally worked by him on that day of the week:

Provided that payment of the said holiday remuneration is subject to the condition that the worker (unless excused by the employer or absent by reason of the proved illness of the worker) presents himself for employment at the usual commencing hour on the first working day following the holiday.

- (2) Holiday remuneration in respect of any holiday allowed under Part II of this Schedule shall be paid to the worker not later than on the pay day on which the wages are paid for the first working day following the holiday: Provided that where a worker ceases to be employed before being allowed a holiday in lieu of a customary holiday or a holiday under sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 2, he shall be paid the holiday remuneration for that day immediately upon the termination of his employment and in such a case the condition contained in the proviso to sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not apply.

##### B—ANNUAL HOLIDAY

- 7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 8, a worker entitled to be allowed an annual holiday under this Schedule shall be paid by his employer in respect thereof, on the last pay day preceding such annual holiday, or not later than the first working day after its termination, *one day's holiday pay in respect of each day thereof.*
- (2) Where under the provisions of paragraph 4 an annual holiday is allowed in more than one period, the holiday remuneration shall be apportioned accordingly.
8. Where any accrued holiday remuneration has been paid by the employer to the worker (in accordance with paragraph 9 of this Schedule or in accordance with the provisions of Order B.(81)), in respect of employment during the periods referred to in that paragraph or that Order, the amount of holiday remuneration payable by the employer in respect of any annual holiday for which the worker has qualified by reason of employment during the said period shall be reduced by the amount of the said accrued holiday remuneration unless that remuneration has been deducted from a previous payment of holiday remuneration made under the provisions of this Schedule or of Order B.(81).

**ACCRUED HOLIDAY REMUNERATION PAYABLE ON  
TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

9. Where a worker ceases to be employed by an employer after the provisions of this Schedule become effective the employer shall, immediately on the termination of the employment, pay to the worker as accrued holiday remuneration:—
- (1) in respect of employment in the 12 months up to the preceding 30th March, a sum equal to the holiday remuneration which would be payable for any days of annual holiday for which he has qualified (except days of annual holiday which he has been allowed or has become entitled to be allowed before leaving the employment) if they were allowed at the time of leaving the employment; and
  - (2) in respect of any employment since the preceding 30th March, a sum equal to the holiday remuneration which would have been payable to him if he could have been allowed an annual holiday in respect of that employment at the time of leaving it.

**PART V**

**GENERAL**

10. For the purposes of calculating any period of employment qualifying a worker for an annual holiday or for any accrued holiday remuneration under this Schedule, the worker shall be treated:—
- (1) as if he were employed for a week in respect of any week in which—
    - (a) he has worked for the employer for not less than 12 hours and has performed some work for which statutory minimum remuneration is payable; or
    - (b) he has been absent throughout the week solely by reason of the proved illness of, or accident to, the worker: Provided that the number of weeks which may be treated as weeks of employment for such reason shall not exceed seven in the aggregate in the period of 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the holiday season; or
    - (c) he has been suspended throughout the week owing to shortage of work in the period of 12 months last mentioned; or
  - (2) as if he were employed on any day of holiday allowed under the provisions of this Schedule or of Order B.(81), and for the purpose of the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, a worker who is absent on such a holiday shall be treated as having worked thereon for the employer for the number of hours ordinarily worked by him on that day of the week on work for which statutory minimum remuneration is payable.
11. In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“normal working week” means the number of days on which it has been usual for the worker to work in a week in the employment of the employer in the 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the holiday season, or where under paragraph 9 accrued holiday remuneration is payable on the termination of the employment, in the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the termination of the employment:

Provided that—

- (1) part of a day shall count as a day;
- (2) no account shall be taken of any week in which the worker did not perform any work for which statutory minimum remuneration has been fixed.

“One day’s holiday pay” means the appropriate proportion of the worker’s weekly remuneration, that is to say,

<i>where the worker’s normal working week is six days ..</i>	<i>.. one-sixth</i>
<i>where the worker’s normal working week is five days ..</i>	<i>.. one-fifth</i>
<i>where the worker’s normal working week is four days ..</i>	<i>.. one-quarter</i>
<i>where the worker’s normal working week is three days ..</i>	<i>.. one-third</i>
<i>where the worker’s normal working week is two days ..</i>	<i>.. one-half</i>

*and in this definition "weekly remuneration" means the amount which the worker would be entitled to receive from his employer for a week's work immediately prior to the holiday if working his normal working week and the number of daily hours usually worked by him (exclusively of overtime) and if he were paid:*

- (a) where the worker is employed as a time worker, the amount which the worker would be entitled to receive from the employer under the arrangement current immediately prior to the holiday exclusive of payments by way of bonus;*
- (b) where the worker is employed as a piece worker, statutory minimum remuneration as follows—*
  - (i) in the case of a male worker aged 21 years or over to whom a piece work basis time rate applies or of a female worker aged 18 years or over, a time rate equal to the hourly piece work basis time rate applicable to the worker;*
  - (ii) in the case of any other piece worker, a time rate equal to the hourly general minimum time rate which would be applicable to the worker if he were a time worker.*

"statutory minimum remuneration" means minimum remuneration (other than holiday remuneration) which has been fixed by a wages regulation order made by the Secretary of State to give effect to proposals submitted to her by the Wages Council.

"week" in paragraphs 3 and 10 means "pay week".

12. The provisions of this Schedule are without prejudice to any agreement for the allowance of any further holidays with pay or for the payment of additional holiday remuneration.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, which has effect from 17th September 1969, sets out the holidays which an employer is required to allow to workers and the remuneration payable for those holidays, in substitution for the holidays and holiday remuneration fixed by the Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Holidays) Order 1966 (Order B.(81)), which Order is revoked.

New provisions are printed in italics.