

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 25 of 1945.

It is hereby notified for general information that in the exercise of the powers conferred upon me under regulation 39A (1) (a) of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Defence Regulations, published under High Commissioner's Notice No. 150 of 1939, as amended by High Commissioner's Notice No. 50 of 1942, I do hereby order that with effect from the 1st December, 1945:—

1. The maximum price at which the goods enumerated in the Schedule to this notice may be sold in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, shall be fixed in the following manner:—

The price shall be based on the landed cost price of the article, plus a maximum profit of 33½ per cent. (to the nearest whole penny) on such landed cost where such goods are purchased outside the Bechuanaland Protectorate or plus a maximum profit of 25 per cent. where such goods are purchased from wholesalers within the Bechuanaland Protectorate, the maximum profit to be allowed to the wholesaler in the latter case to be 10 per cent. on landed cost.

2. It shall be the duty of the seller to keep and produce for inspection, by a Police Officer, invoices of all goods enumerated in the Schedule showing in detail the cost of each article.

3. The onus of proof of the landed cost price of any of the goods aforesaid shall rest on the accused in any prosecution for an offence under this notice and failing such proof it shall be presumed that the selling price was in excess of the maximum price fixed by this notice.

4. No seller shall require any person who either purchases or desires to purchase any goods, to purchase any other goods which such purchaser or prospective purchaser did not himself ask to purchase.

5. Government Notices No. 30 of 1942, dated the 10th October, 1942, and No. 40 of 1942, dated the 18th December, 1942, are cancelled and item (a) of the Schedule to the Government Notice No. 6 of 1945, dated the 11th April, 1945, is struck out.

G. E. NETTELTON,
for Resident Commissioner.

Resident Commissioner's Office,
Mafeking, December, 1945.

SCHEDULE.

1. Sugar.
2. Maize and maize products.
3. Kaffir-corn and kaffir-corn products.
4. Meal.
5. Flour.
6. Tea.
7. Coffee.
8. Bar soap.
9. Candles.
10. Toilet soap.
11. Rice.
12. Powdered or condensed milk.
13. Vegetable fats (e.g., Pastrine).
14. Tinned meats.
15. Matches.
16. Boot polish.
17. Paraffin.
18. Salt.

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