1978 No. 60

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Price Marking (Meat) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *2nd March* 1978

Coming into operation . . . *1st April* 1978

The Department of Commerce, having consulted, in such manner as appeared to it to be appropriate having regard to the subject matter and urgency of this Order, with such organisations representative of interests substantially affected by this Order as appeared to it, having regard to those matters, to be appropriate, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 4 of the Prices Act 1974(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Price Marking (Meat) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1978.

Restriction of Application of Order of 1974

2. The Price Marking (Meat and Fish) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974(b) shall not apply to meat offered or exposed for sale after 31st March 1978.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In this Order—

"container" includes any form of packaging of goods for sale as a single item, whether by way of wholly or partly enclosing the goods or by way of attaching the goods to some other article, and in particular includes a wrapper;

"display area" in relation to any premises on which goods to which this Order applies are offered or exposed for sale, means—

(*a*) windows, including the beds thereof, and display rails in windows; and

(*b*) cabinets, counters, and shelves used for the display of goods to an intending purchaser.

"meat" means any part of an animal of any of the following descriptions, that is to say, cattle, sheep and swine;

"premises" includes a stall or vehicle;

"pre-packed" means made up in advance ready for retail sale in or on a container;

"processed" in relation to meat, includes curing, smoking and any other treatments including the addition of salts, curing agents or other substances, resulting in a change in the natural state of the meat, but does not include treatment with proteolytic enzymes, boning, paring, grinding, mincing, cutting, cleaning or trimming;

(a) 1974. c. 24
(b) S.R. 1974 No. 216 (I, p. 924)

"selling price" in relation to any goods, means the price at which the goods are offered or exposed for sale, not being a price expressed by reference to a unit of measurement;

"unit price" in relation to any goods, means the price per pound weight of those goods;

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Application of Order

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph 2, goods to which this Order applies are foods of the following descriptions, whether pre-packed or not, that is to say, fresh, chilled or frozen meat.

(2) This Order does not apply to—

(*a*) goods described in paragraph (1) when offered or exposed for sale as a single item together with goods not so described;

(*b*) processed meat;

(*c*) products commonly known as beefburgers, hamburgers, or porkburgers, consisting wholly or partly of meat described in paragraph (1);

(*d*) heads, feet and trotters;

(*e*) bones, waste and scrap.

Control of sale

5.—(1) Subject to the following provisions, no person shall, in Northern Ireland, offer or expose for sale by retail goods to which this Order applies in the display area of any premises unless an indication of the price is given, being an indication complying with the appropriate requirements of the Schedule.

(2) Where a piece of meat is cut at the request of, and in the presence of, an intending purchaser, an indication of the unit price of that part of the meat intended for the purchaser shall not be required.

(3) An indication of the unit price of a piece of meat shall not be required if the piece of meat is offered or exposed for sale as a single item, and

(*a*) the weight is less than 1 ounce, or

(*b*) the selling price does not exceed 10p and is marked on or in relation to the meat, and

if, in either case, any indication of a unit price which might be taken as applying to that piece of meat makes it clear that it does not so apply.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 2nd March 1978.

(L.S.) *W. T. McCrory*
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(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)