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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Price Marking (Petrol Price Display) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 12*th October* 1977

Coming into operation . . . 1*st December* 1977

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 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 (Petrol Price Display) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"grade" means 2 star, 3 star, 4 star or 5 star as mentioned in the British Standard Specification for Petrol (Gasoline) for Motor Vehicles B.S.4040: 1971 published on 31st March 1971, as amended by Amendment Slips Nos. 3 and 4 published on 5th November 1976. Where petrol is offered or exposed for sale as being one of these grades it shall be treated for the purpose of this Order as being petrol of that grade;

"petrol" means oil, being light oil within the meaning of section 1 of the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs and Excise) Act 1971(**b**) derived from petroleum of a kind intended for use as fuel for propelling a motor vehicle;

"motor vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads;

"price display premises" are premises on which petrol is offered or exposed for sale by retail and on which is displayed information—

(*a*) as to the price of petrol or of any grade or subgrade of petrol, not being an indication of price given in compliance with Article 3(*a*) or displayed by means of a price computing mechanism, price indicator bar or other similar device; or

(*b*) as to the minimum price of petrol or of any grade or subgrade of petrol; or

(*c*) indicating that a reduction in the price of petrol or of any grade or subgrade of petrol is being made, whether or not the price to which or from which it has been reduced or the amount of the reduction is also displayed, and whether or not the reduction is an alternative to some other form of inducement;

(**a**) 1974 c. 24
(**b**) 1971 c. 12

and that information is legible to a person in a motor vehicle on the highway;

"pump" means a measuring instrument for measuring quantities of petrol delivered by it into the tanks of motor vehicles.

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

3. A person shall not, in Northern Ireland, offer or expose for sale by retail to be delivered by means of a pump—

(*a*) unless an indication of the price of the petrol is given complying with the provisions of Part 1 of the Schedule;

(*b*) on any price display premises, unless in addition an indication of the price of the petrol is given being an indication complying with the relevant provisions of Parts II and III of the Schedule.

4. Information required by virtue of Article 3(*b*) to be given on any price display premises shall not be given in any manner which makes the information legible to a person in a motor vehicle on the highway other than in the manner so required.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 12th October 1977.

(L.S.) *W. T. McCrory*
Assistant Secretary

(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)