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

Commencement and citation.

**4.**—(1) This Order shall come into force on the first day of November, 1951.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Coal Distribution (Restriction) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1951.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this twenty-fifth day of October, 1951, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. Crone*,
Assistant Secretary.

## Coal Supply

THE COAL SUPPLY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1951.

1951. No. 158

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 continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1950, (**c**) ) delegated to it by instruments of delegation made respectively by the Board of Trade on 26th May, 1941, and the Minister 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 (hereafter in this Order referred to as " the Ministry ") hereby makes the following Order :—

General restriction on import of coal.

**1.** (1) No person shall import coal into Northern Ireland unless authorised so to do by a licence granted under this paragraph by the Ministry.

(2) If, immediately before the commencement of this Order, a person —

(*a*) was carrying on a business which included the importation of coal into Northern Ireland ; and

(*b*) was registered in the Coal Importers' Register maintained by the Ministry under the Coal Supply (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942, (**d**) (in this Order referred to as the " 1942 Order ") ;

a licence shall be granted to him under the preceding paragraph.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6 c.10 & S. R. & O. 1945 No. 1618. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6 c.55.
(c) S.I. 1950 No. 1769. (d) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1942 No. 125.

General Restriction on supply of coal.

2. (1) No person shall supply, or offer or agree to supply, coal retail unless authorised so to do by a licence granted under this paragraph by the Ministry.

(2) No person shall supply, or offer or agree to supply coal retail otherwise than to an occupier of premises to which his licence relates (as defined in the next succeeding paragraph).

(3) A licence granted under paragraph (1) of this Article shall not be deemed to authorise the supply of coal retail to any person other than an occupier of premises for the time being specified with respect to that licence by the Ministry; and in this Order, in relation to any person to whom any such licence is granted, a reference to the premises to which his licence relates shall be construed as a reference to the several premises specified as aforesaid with respect to that licence.

(4) The Ministry shall maintain a register for the purposes of this Order (in this Order referred to as the " Coal Distribution Register ") and shall record therein —

(*a*) the name and address of every person for the time being authorised under paragraph (1) to supply coal retail; and

(*b*) in relation to each such person, the premises to which his licence relates.

(5) Any occupier of premises who is or becomes aware that those premises have been specified as aforesaid with respect to more than one licence current at any one time shall, within fourteen days of each such specification other than the first, or (if later in the case of any such specification) of the date on which he became aware of it, give notice in writing thereof to the Ministry at Chichester House, Chichester Street, Belfast, and shall specify which of the said licences he desires to be related to the premises occupied by him:

Provided that where the Ministry gives notice in writing to the occupier of any premises that those premises may for the purposes of this Order be specified with respect to more than one licence, nothing in this paragraph shall apply in relation to any licence mentioned in that notice.

Special provisions as to certain supplies.

3. (1) If, immediately before the commencement of this Order, a person was carrying on a business which included the supply of coal retail, and was then —

(*a*) a coal merchant registered in the Coal Merchants' Register maintained by the Ministry under the 1942 Order; or

(*b*) a bellman who had furnished a list of customers to the Ministry in pursuance of the 1942 Order, or who had been authorised under that Order to supply coal retail to the occupier of any premises;

a licence to supply coal retail shall be granted to him under paragraph (1) of the last preceding Article.

(2) The following premises shall be specified with respect to the licence of any person to whom the preceding paragraph applies, that is to say —

(*a*) in the case of a coal merchant, all premises to the occupiers of which he was, immediately before the commencement of this Order, authorised in pursuance of the 1942 Order to supply coal retail ;

(*b*) in the case of a bellman, all premises to the occupiers of which he was, immediately before such commencement, retail supplier of coal in the ordinary course of his business by virtue of —

(i) those premises having been mentioned in a list of customers furnished to the Ministry in pursuance of Article 3 of the 1942 Order by him or by a person whose successor in title he is for the purposes of the supply of coal retail ; or

(ii) an authorisation to that effect having been granted by the Ministry in connection with an application for registration under the 1942 Order by the occupier of those premises.

General restriction on acquisition of coal.

**4.** (1) No person shall acquire, or offer or agree to acquire, coal retail unless he is the occupier of premises recorded in the Coal Distribution Register.

(2) No person shall acquire, or offer or agree to acquire, coal retail otherwise than from the person whose licence relates to the premises occupied by such first-mentioned person.

Change of supplier.

**5.** Where the occupier of any premises specified with respect to any licence desires that that specification shall cease to have effect and that those premises shall be specified with respect to some other licence, and —

(*a*) the holders of those licences agree to the making of the change ; or

(*b*) failing such agreement, the Ministry, on application being made to it for the purpose, authorises the making of the change ;

the relevant specifications shall be so altered as to give effect to the agreement or, as the case may be, authorisation.

Exceptions.

**6.** Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Order shall prohibit or restrict —

(*a*) the supply or acquisition of coal in a quantity of not more than twenty-eight pounds at any one time ;

(*b*) the supply of coal for the purposes of the undertaking to any person carrying on a gas, electricity, railway or other industrial undertaking in which the yearly consumption of