Utility Furniture, Supply and Acquisition

THE UTILITY FURNITURE (SUPPLY AND ACQUISITION) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1946, DATED JULY 15, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATIONS 55, 55AA AND 98 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

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The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry ") by virtue and in exercise of the powers under Regulations 55, 55AA and 98 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, delegated to it by, and for the purposes mentioned in, an Instrument of Delegation dated the 2nd day of July, 1946, made by the Board of Trade under the said Regulations as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945 (a), hereby orders as follows :—

Reserved utility furniture.

1. This Order applies to the supply and acquisition of utility furniture of a description specified in the Schedule hereto, hereinafter referred to as " reserved utility furniture."

Supply of reserved utility furniture to retail customers.

2.—(1) No trader shall supply any reserved utility furniture to a retail customer unless there has been duly surrendered to him the appropriate number of units in relation to that supply by that customer, being the person to whom those units were issued, or by a person acting on his behalf.

(2) For the purposes of this Article units shall not be deemed to have been duly surrendered unless—

(*a*) a buying permit has been delivered, by post or otherwise, to the trader at premises at which he carries on a business of supplying furniture by retail, upon or after the order of reserved utility furniture from that trader ;

(*b*) the units were surrendered within six months from the commencement of validity thereof or within such other period as may be stamped on the permit or units by the authority or person who issued the permit ; and

(*c*) where the number of units appropriate to all the reserved utility furniture ordered from that trader in respect of that permit is less than the number of units attached to that permit when received by the trader, he has detached therefrom the appropriate number of units.

(3) No retail customer shall use, for the purpose of obtaining reserved utility furniture, any buying permit unless there is inserted thereon—

(a) 9 and 10 Geo. 6. C. 10 ; and S. R. & O. 1945, No. 1618.

(*a*) if it was issued to a body corporate or unincorporated, the name of the body and the address of its registered office or principal place of business ;

(*b*) if it was issued to a person in whole-time service as a member of the armed forces of the Crown, of the Women's Royal Naval Service, of Queen Alexandra's Royal Navy Nursing Service, of any Voluntary Aid Detachment, or of any allied or associated force, his name, rank and branch of the service, and his military identification card number or official number (if any) ;

(*c*) if it was issued to a member of the Mercantile Marine, his name and Dis. A number (as entered on his British Seaman's Identity Card) ;

(*d*) in any other case, the name, address and National Registration Identity Number of the person to whom it was issued.

No trader shall detach any units from, or accept the surrender of, any buying permit not so completed.

Supply of reserved utility furniture to traders.

3. No trader shall supply any reserved utility furniture to another trader, unless there has been surrendered to him the appropriate number of units in relation to that supply by the trader to be supplied.

Acquisition of furniture and transfers of buying permits and units.

4.—(1) No person shall acquire any reserved utility furniture from a trader in circumstances in which that trader is prohibited by the last two preceding Articles of this Order from supplying that furniture to him.

(2) If a trader uses or appropriates reserved utility furniture held by him for the purposes of his business for, or to, any other purpose, he shall be deemed to supply that furniture to a retail customer.

(3) No person shall surrender any buying permit or unit except upon or after the order of reserved utility furniture in accordance with the last two preceding Articles of this Order.

(4) Except as referred to in the last preceding paragraph, no person shall, with intent to enable any other person to acquire (otherwise than on his behalf) reserved utility furniture, transfer any buying permit or unit to any other person.

(5) No retail customer shall leave any unit on deposit with a trader, and no trader shall retain any unit on deposit.

(6) Nothing in this Article shall prevent a manufacturer of reserved utility furniture, who for any reason is unable to execute in whole or in part an order placed with him therefor, from returning any units to a trader who surrenders them to him.