

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

No. 10 of 1942.

## AN ORDINANCE

### Relating to the Rationing of Commodities.

**B**E it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909-1938* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1940*, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Rationing Control Ordinance 1942*.\*

Short title  
and citation.

2. In this Ordinance—

Definitions.

“declared commodity” means any goods declared by the Minister, by notice in the *Gazette*, to be a declared commodity for the purposes of this Ordinance;

“rationing scheme” means any scheme or practice in pursuance of which the quantity of any goods which may be purchased from a vendor by, or which may be delivered by a vendor to, any person or class of persons is limited;

“vendor” means a person who carries on the business of selling or delivering any goods, whether by wholesale or retail, or both.

3. The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare any goods to be a declared commodity for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Power to  
declare goods.

4.—(1.) Where any scheme limiting the quantity of any goods which may be purchased by a householder was in operation immediately prior to the date of the notice in the *Gazette* declaring such goods to be a declared commodity, the vendor of that declared commodity shall, within seven days after the date of such notice, apply for the approval of the Minister to that scheme and, pending the Minister's decision thereon, the vendor may continue to observe or enforce the scheme.

Existing  
schemes to be  
submitted for  
Minister's  
approval.

(2.) For the purposes of this section, “householder” means the owner or occupier of any dwelling house or any portion thereof or of any fiat and includes the keeper or person in charge of any hotel, hostel, hospital or boarding-house.

\* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 16th April, 1942.

No rationing scheme to be enforced without Minister's approval.

5.—(1.) Subject to this Ordinance and to any law of the Commonwealth or of the Territory, or any approval or instructions given thereunder, a vendor shall not put into operation, observe or enforce, or continue to observe or enforce, any rationing scheme with respect to any declared commodity, unless the approval of the Minister has first been obtained.

Penalty: One hundred pounds.

(2.) Before granting approval to any rationing scheme, the Minister shall, upon such evidence as appears to him sufficient, be satisfied that the scheme is desirable in the public interest, and any such approval may be either unconditional or subject to such conditions as the Minister thinks fit.

(3.) The Minister may at any time amend, vary or revoke any approval given in pursuance of this section.

Power to obtain information.

6.—(1.) The Minister or any person authorized in that behalf by the Minister may require any person—

(a) to furnish him with such information as he requires; or

(b) to answer any question put to him,

in relation to any matter arising under this Ordinance.

(2.) A person shall not—

(a) refuse or fail to furnish any information or to answer any question which he is required to furnish or answer in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of this section; or

(b) in answer to any requirement under that sub-section, give any information or make any answer which is false or misleading in any particular.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

Power to enter.

7. The Minister or any person authorized in that behalf by the Minister may enter upon and search any premises of any vendor and inspect any documents, books and papers found therein in relation to any commodities or to any matter arising under this Ordinance.

Dated this fourteenth day of April, 1942.

GOWRIE

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. S. COLLINGS

Minister of State for the Interior.

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