

Delhi Essential  
Articles (Price  
Control) Order,  
1977

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DELHI ADMINISTRATION: DELHI  
(FOOD AND SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT)

**ORDER**

Dated the 22.9.77

No. F.3(1)/77-F&S(P&C):- Whereas the Lt. Governor, Delhi is of opinion that for maintaining supplies and securing equitable distribution at fair prices of certain essential commodities it is necessary and expedient so to do.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955(10 of 1955) read with the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture (Deptt. of Food) Notification GSR 316(E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1972 GSR 452(E), dated the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1972 and GSR 168(E), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1973 and also with the Government of India, Ministry of Industry and Civil Supplies S.O. No. 681 (E), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1974 and with prior concurrence of the Central Govt., the Lt. Governor hereby makes the following order, namely-

1. short title, extent and commencement:- (1) This Order be called the Delhi Essential Articles (Price Control) Order, 1977.
2. (2) It shall extend to the whole of the Union Territory of Delhi.
3. (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. Definition :- In this Order unless the context otherwise requires:-
  - a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner, Food and Supplies Delhi and includes the Deputy Commissioner, Food and Supplies and the Asstt. Commissioner, Food and Supplies and any other officer not below the rank of Civil Supplies Officer authorized by the Commissioner, Food and Supplies, to perform all or any of the functions of the Commissioner under this Order.
  - b) "dealer" means a person who deals in the sale or storage for sale of any essential article specified in the Schedule and includes a manufacturer, a wholesaler or a retailer and his salesman, representative or agent, but does not include a Corporation or agency authorized by the Central Govt./State Government for procurement, storage and distribution of an essential articles;
  - c) "Essential Article" means an article declared as an essential commodity under the E.C. Act, 1955 and included in the Schedule;
  - d) "Price" means the price payable by a customer for the purchase of an essential article; and
  - e) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to this order;
3. Maximum wholesale and retail prices:- No dealer shall sell or attempt to sell or offer for sale or abet the sale of any essential article at a price exceeding the price specified in the Schedule for that essential article.
4. Addition/Omission of essential articles from the Schedule etc:- The Lt. Governor may by order notified in the official Gazette add to or omit from the Schedule any article and may with the prior concurrence of the Central

Government specify the maximum wholesale or retail price, as the case may be, of the article so added, or revise or substitute the essential articles and prices specified therein and thereupon the Schedule shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

Provided that where the price of any component of price of an essential article has been increased or decreased by the Central Government, the prices specified in the Schedule in respect of such essential article may be increased or decreased accordingly by the Commissioner, Food, Supplies, by an order notified in the Official Gazette.

5. **Refusal to Sell:-** 1) No dealer shall refuse to sell any essential article in Stock with him at the price specified in the Schedule.

Provided that the provision contained in sub-clause (1) shall not apply to stock which the dealers have been/are required to sell/hold for sale in accordance with-

- i) the directions issued under clause 7 of this order; or
  - ii) a scheme of distribution approved in writing by the Commissioner.
- 2) No dealer shall require any purchaser of an essential article to purchase at the same time any other article whether included in the Schedule or not as a condition of sale of that article by him.

6. **Maintenance of accounts:-** Every dealer shall maintain an account of daily purchases and sales of each essential article showing correctly:-

- a) the opening balance on each day;
- b) the quantities received on each day;
- c) the source of supply;
- d) the quantities delivered or sold or removed from the stocks on each day; and
- e) the closing balance of on each day.

7. **Power to issue directions:-** Every dealer shall comply with any directions that may be given to him from time to time by the Commissioner with regard to storage, distribution, disposal, sale, issue of cashmemos, acquisition, use or consumption of all or any of the essential articles and the manner and form in which accounts thereof shall be maintained and returns submitted.

8. **Display of Stock and Prices:-** 1) every dealer shall display at conspicuous place of his business premises the opening balance and price of each essential article in stock before the commencement of business on each day.

2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1), the Commissioner may, by order, notified in the official Gazette, specify the particular form and manner in which stock and prices of all or any of the essential articles shall be displayed at the business premises and/or displaying of price on the essential article itself and then every dealer shall comply with such order.

9. **Power to call for information:-** Every dealer shall when so required by general or special directions by the Commissioner, furnish truthfully and

to the best of his knowledge such particulars or information relating to any essential article as may be required.

10. Exemption: The Lt. Governor may, by order, notified in the official Gazette exempt any person or class of persons from the operation of all or any of the provisions of this Order subject to such conditions, if any, as he may deem fit to impose and may at any time in the like manner suspend or rescind such exemption.

Vide "Provided that prior concurrence of the Central order Government shall be obtained before granting exemption No. F3 under this clause."

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11. Power of entry, search, seizure, etc.:- 1) The Commissioner or any magistrate or any police officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector or any officer of the Food & Supplies Department, not below the rank of Sub-Inspector authorized by the Commissioner may with such assistance, if any, as he thinks fit:

- a) require the owner, occupier or any other person in charge of any place, premises, vehicle or vessel in which he has reason to believe that any contravention of the provisions of this Order has been, is being or is about to be committed, to produce any books, accounts or other documents showing transactions relating to any essential article; or to furnish such information relating to his business as may be required;
- b) enter, inspect or break open and search or seal or unseal any place, premises, vehicles, vessels in which he has reason to believe that any contravention of the provisions of this order has been, is being or is about to be committed;
- c) seize any document or books of accounts or take or cause to be taken extracts from or copies of any documents or books of accounts showing transactions relating to such contraventions;
- d) search, seize and remove stock of all or any of the essential articles to which this Order applies together with packages, covering, receptacles or containers in which these are found and the animals, vehicles, vessels or other conveyance used in carrying the said articles in contravention of the provisions of this Order and thereafter take or authorize the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of stocks of such articles and things in a court of law and for their safe custody pending such production;
- e) seize books of accounts and documents or other articles which, in his opinion, would be useful for, or relevant to, any proceedings under this Order.

2) The provisions of Section 100 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act II of 1974) relating search and seizures shall, so far as may be, apply to the searches and seizures under this clause.

By Order

Sd/-

(B.PRASAD)

DEPUTY SECRETARY (FOOD & SUPPLIES)

DELHI ADMINISTRATION: DELHI

**SCHEDULE**  
**(SEE CLAUSE 3)**  
**MAXIMUM WHOLESALE & RETAIL PRICE**

S.N	ARTICLE	MAXIMUM WHOLESALE PRICE	UNIT OF PRICE	MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE	UNIT OF PRICE	REMARKS
(a)	Soft coke (procured by BCCL)	Rs.179.14	M.T.	Rs.258.10 (or say Rs.25.81 per Qt.) (or say Rs. 10.32per 40 Kg.)	M.T.	Inclusive of sales tax.
(b)	Soft coke (procured by DSIDC to be sold to commercial non commercial quota card holders/coal licencees)	Rs.220.80	M.T.	Rs.259.10 M.T. (OR SAY Rs.25.81 per Qtl.) (or say Rs.10.32.per 40 Kg.)	M.T.	Inclusive of sales tax

**EXPLANATION:**

- 1) The maximum wholesale price indicated against entry at S.No. 1(a) is ex-Railway siding price and that indicated against entry at S.NO. 1(b) is Ex-DSIDC-dump price.
- 2) The maximum wholesale price indicated at S.No.1(b) shall be charged by the DSIDC on case of rebate or refund has been allowed by Bharat Cooking Coal Limited. If any rebate or refund has been given by the BCCL, the maximum wholesale price shall be arrived at by reducing the rebate or refund as the case may be so allowed from the maximum wholesale price.

2(a)	Hard coke B.H. Superior (Ex-dump) for Industries	...	...	Rs.396.70	M.T.	Inclusive of sales tax
(b)	Hard coke B.H. Superior (Ex-Coal Siding on R/R weight for	Rs. 329.41	M.T.	....	....	-DO-

	Industries/ coal Licensees					
©	Heard-coke B.H. superior (Ex-Retail coal depot for sale to consumers after screening through 1/2" mesh).	....	....	Rs.409.79	M.T.	-DO-
3.	Slack Coal (Grade I) Ex-dump for brick kilns)	...	....	Rs.219.95	M.T.	-DO-

4(1) Article

Maximum Wholesale price

	Steam coal Procured From BCGL coal fields	Steam coal procured from CGL coal fields	Steam coal procured from ECL coal fields	Unit of price
a) Steam coal (Grade I)	Rs. 175.28	Rs. 163.57	Rs. 166.05	M.T.
b) Steam coal (Grade II)	Rs. 168.43	Rs 153.69	Rs. 157.39	M.T.
c) Steam coal (Grade III-A)	Rs. 160.86	Rs. 145.91	Rs. 148.33	M.T.
d) Steam coal (Grade III-B)	Rs. 151.69	Rs.....	Rs.....	M.T.

Maximum retail price

4(2)

a) Steam coal (Grade I)	Rs. 249.49	Rs. 237.31	Rs. 239.89	M.T.
b) Steam coal (Grade II)	Rs. 242.37	Rs. 227.04	Rs. 230.89	M.T.
c) Steam coal (Grade III-A)	Rs. 234.49	Rs. 218.95	Rs. 221.52	M.T.
d) Steam coal (Grade III-B)	Rs. 224.96	Rs.....	Rs.....	M.T.

EXPLANATION :

- 1) maximum rate of Steam coal being released from DSIDC dump shall continue to be Rs.220.74 per M.T.
- 2) The above wholesale and retail prices are inclusive Local Sales Tax

S.N	ARTICLE	MAXIMUM WHOLESALAE PRICE	UNIT OF PRICE	MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE	UNIT OF PRICE	REMARKS
5.	Kerosene oil (Superior quality)					
a)	when sale is made by an oil company to an agent at Shakurbasti; Bulk	Rs.1230.65	PKL	....	.....	Inclusive sales tax.
b)	When sale is made by an agent to retailer and hawker Bulk	Rs.1250.35	PKL.	....	....	-do-
c)	When sale is made by a retailer and hawker to consumer Loose			Rs.1.30 per liter		-do-
6)	LPP Gas (cooking gas)					
a)	14.2 Kg	....	....	Rs.31.10	per Cylinder	-do-
b)	15 Kg. Cylinder	....	....	Rs.32.60	-do-	-do-
7)	Sugar (Released to Fair Price Shops authorized by this Administration for sale on the	.....	.....	Rs. 2.15	per Kg.	Subject to such variations as may be allowed by the Commi

	basis of Food cards).					ssioner by Executive Orders from time to time.
8)	Wheat of all varieties. (Released to Fair Price Shops authorized by this Administration for sale on basis of Food cards.)	....	....	Rs.01.29	-do-	Inclusive of the cost of the gunny bag and Octroi charges.
9)	Rice Basmati (Released to Fair Price Shops authorized by this Administration for sale on basis of Food cards.)	....	....	Rs.01.76	-do-	-
10)	Rice Permal -do-	....	....	Rs.01.66	-do-	-
11)	Rice Begmi -do-	....	....	Rs.01.54	-do-	-
12)	Rice Dara, Saila, Joshi, imported Thailand and American -do-	....	....	Rs.01.39	-do-	-
13)	Bread	....	....	Rs.00.50	Per packin g of 200	

				Rs.00.95	gms. Per packin g of 400 gms.	
				Rs.01.85	Per packin g of 800 gms.	

14. ORDINARY PORTLAND CEMENT

MAXIMUM PRICE

1. cement in Jute bags (each bag contained 50 Kgs. Of cement including cost of the jute bag. Rs. 19.19 per bag
- a) when sale is made by a stockist who has paid Central Sales Tax on the consignment received by him.
- b) when sale is made by a stockist who has paid Central Sales tax on the consignment received by him. Rs. 18.51 per bag

EXPLANATION:-

- 1) The above prices would be applicable to cement packed in the Jute bags dispatched from the cement factories on and after the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1977.
- 2) The above prices are exclusive of local sales tax.
2. When packed (loose) cement is sold from the Okhla Depot of the Associated Cement Companies Ltd.:-
- i) For delivery in silo sites:-
- a) within a distance of 11 KMs from the Okhla Depot. Rs. 325.81 per tone
- b) at a distance beyond 11 KMs but within 22 ½ KMs from the Okhla Depot. Rs. 329.81 per tone
- c) at a distance beyond 22 ½ KMs from the Okhla Depot Rs. 330.81 per tonne
- ii) Ex-Okhla Depot (excluding transportation charges from the Okhla Depot)

NOTE:

1. The above prices are applicable to cement dispatched from the cement factories on or after 01.07.76.
2. The above prices are inclusive of rental for drums and all other incidental charges but exclusive of local Sales Tax.

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