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THE WHEAT AND FLOUR EMERGENCY REGULATIONS 1939.

GALWAY, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 4th day of September, 1939.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Public Safety Conservation Act, 1932, there being a Proclamation of Emergency now in force under that Act, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

REGULATION 1.—PRELIMINARY.

(1) These regulations may be cited as the Wheat and Flour Emergency Regulations 1939.

(2) These regulations shall be read together with and deemed part of the Supply Control Emergency Regulations 1939.

(3) In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context,—

“Controller” means the Wheat and Flour Controller appointed under these regulations; and includes any person for the time being authorized to exercise or perform any of the Controller’s powers or functions:

“Wheatgrower” means any person who has, in any one of the three calendar years immediately prior to the coming into force of these regulations, planted more than 3 acres of land in wheat or who at any time during the currency of these regulations plants more than 1 acre in wheat:

“Flourmiller” means the occupier, under whatever tenure, of any premises used as a flourmill:

“Baker” means the occupier, under whatever tenure, of any premises on which bread is baked for sale to the public.

REGULATION 2.—WHEAT AND FLOUR CONTROLLER.

(1) The Minister may from time to time appoint a Controller to be known as “the Wheat and Flour Controller.”

(2) The Controller shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(3) The Controller shall be subject in all things to the control of the Minister and shall act in accordance with all directions, general or special, given to him by the Minister.

REGULATION 3.—POWERS OF THE WHEAT AND FLOUR CONTROLLER.

The Controller shall have the following powers :—

- (a) To buy, sell, or otherwise to deal in wheat, flour, bran, pollard, and any other products manufactured from wheat, and in barley and oats :
- (b) To prescribe conditions under which the industry of flourmilling may be carried on and which shall be binding on any person who operates a flourmill :
- (c) To prescribe conditions under which the trade or occupation of breadmaking may be carried on and which shall be binding on any person who makes bread otherwise than for the use of himself and his own family :
- (d) To regulate, restrict, control, or prohibit the distribution of wheat, oats, barley, pollard, bran, flour, or bread :
- (e) To take all such steps as may be considered by the Controller to be necessary to ensure that an adequate supply of wheat is grown and produced in New Zealand :
- (f) To enter into arrangements for the supply of seeds, manure, agricultural implements, spare parts for machinery, and any other requisites needed for the cultivation and harvesting of wheat, and to buy or sell any of the articles referred to in this paragraph :
- (g) To take possession of any wheat, oats, barley, pollard, bran, flour, or bread wherever situated in New Zealand, and to enter upon private premises for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by this paragraph :
- (h) To prohibit, limit, restrict, control, or regulate the use of wheat, oats, barley, pollard, bran, flour, or bread, and to direct that all or any of those commodities may be used only for purposes specified by the Controller or may be used only in such manner as the Controller may direct :
- (i) To require wheatgrowers, flourmillers, or bakers to supply such returns, statements, statistics, or other information as the Controller may deem necessary, and to require that any such information be verified by statutory declaration :
- (j) To take possession, when the Controller thinks fit, of any farming implements which are customarily used in the cultivation of land and the growing, harvesting, and threshing of wheat, and to undertake the cultivation of land for the purpose of growing wheat :

- (k) To assume full control of all flourmills within New Zealand, and, for the purpose of ensuring adequate supplies of flour by the most economical means, to close down any mill or to direct that the production of flour shall be carried on only in certain mills within New Zealand, and to prescribe the quantity of flour which any mill shall produce in any calendar month :
- (l) To determine the fair average quality of flour, to control the use of substances other than wheat in the making of flour, and to control the percentage by weight of the grist which may be extracted as flour :
- (m) To take possession of, and to move from place to place, stocks of wheat and flour and any materials or equipment required for the production, packing, or distribution of flour :
- (n) For the purpose of conserving essential supplies, to prescribe the ingredients which may be used in the production of bread, and to prescribe the proportion in which different ingredients may be used :
- (o) To control the delivery of bread, and to direct that any person may deliver bread only within a specified area :
- (p) To set up committees to work with the Controller to ensure the co-operation of the sections of industry concerned, and to appoint to such committees such persons as the Controller may think fit :
- (q) To take possession of any store or other building the use of which the Controller considers to be necessary for the proper storage of any of the commodities specified in paragraph (a) hereof.

C. A. JEFFERY,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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