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The following Notifications are, by direction of the Chief Secretary to Government, published for general information.

W. H. MACKRAY,  
Acting Under Secretary, F.M.S.

**No. 1942.**—**GOVERNMENT NOTICE.**—The Government has succeeded after many difficulties in arranging for the purchase during 1920 from Burmah and Saigon of 368,500 tons of rice which should, with reasonable care, be sufficient added to local supplies to meet the needs of the population of Malaya until the next harvest becomes available.

2. The average cost of this rice to the Government has been \$1.28 per gantang whereas it has hitherto been sold by the Government to wholesale distributors in Singapore and Penang at a rate of  $95\frac{1}{2}$  cents per gantang which is, approximately, equivalent to \$1.00 per gantang to consumers in those places and \$1.09 per gantang to consumers in most places in the Federated Malay States and in Malacca.

3. It will be seen therefore that the Government has hitherto been losing money on the sale of rice at the rate of  $32\frac{1}{2}$  cents per gantang.

It is estimated that the total loss incurred by the Government up to date amounts to nearly \$21,000,000.

If the Government were to continue to subsidize rice by selling it at the present figure the loss for the rest of the year would be at the rate of about \$3,000,000 per mensem.

4. It has been decided in view of the general prosperity of the country that this loss ought not to continue to fall wholly on the Government.

The price of rice has therefore been raised, with effect from the 18th May, 1920, to \$1.20 $\frac{1}{2}$  per gantang to wholesale distributors in Singapore and Penang which will be equivalent to \$1.26 per gantang to consumers in those places and \$1.38 to consumers in the principal centres in the Federated Malay States and \$1.36 in Malacca.

The exact rates for all main centres will be notified in the *Federated Malay States Government Gazette*.

5. Although these prices are a considerable advance on those hitherto paid it must be borne in mind that before the Government undertook the control of the importation and sale of rice last year the price paid by consumers in Singapore and in many other districts of Malaya was higher than that now proposed.

**No. 1943.**—**THE FOOD CONTROL REGULATIONS, 1918.**—

## MAXIMUM PRICES FOR PARBOILED AND WHITE RICE.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by regulation 6 of the Food Control Regulations, 1918, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Food Controller hereby fixes maximum prices, as per schedule annexed, for the sale of all white rice and all parboiled rice imported into or milled in the Federated Malay States.

### SCHEDULE.

#### IN THE DISTRIBUTING CENTRE OF TELUK ANSON.

1. By licensed importers and wholesale dealers in rice ... \$21.66 per picul

2. By licensed retail dealers in rice ... \$1.36 per gantang

#### IN ALL DISTRIBUTING CENTRES ON THE RAILWAY, WHERE THERE IS A WHOLESALE DEALER IN RICE, FOR THE REST OF PERAK AND THE STATES OF SELANGOR AND THE NEGRI SEMBILAN.

1. By licensed importers and wholesale dealers in rice ... \$22.00 per picul

2. By licensed retail dealers in rice ... \$1.38 per gantang

#### IN THE STATE OF PAHANG.

The price shall be fixed by each District Officer in his district, based on the selling price ex Government Godown to wholesalers in Singapore, viz., \$1.20 $\frac{1}{2}$  per gantang; the wholesalers selling price in Singapore being at \$811.50 a koyan.

When sold outside the above-mentioned distributing centres nothing whatsoever shall be added to the above prices except a sum equal to the net amount of the charges for transport actually incurred by the seller and approved by the Food Controller.

The price at which all rice is sold shall be conspicuously posted at every place at which such sale is made.

Any person disobeying this order will be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$800 and to imprisonment of either description which may extend to six months.

All previous notifications whereby maximum prices have been fixed for white and parboiled rice within the Federated Malay States are hereby cancelled.

**No. 1944.**—**THE FOOD CONTROL REGULATIONS, 1918.**—

It is hereby notified that, under the powers conferred on him by regulation 6 (ii) of the Food Control Regulations, 1918, the Food Controller takes over all stocks of rice in the possession of licensed wholesale dealers in the Federated Malay States on this date, viz., May 18th, 1920, at a price to be hereafter fixed. It is further notified that rice which may have been sold but has not yet been delivered is deemed to be part of such stocks, and any contract affecting the sale of such rice is to be considered as cancelled.