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A King's Order-In-Council to control the supply of goods to the public.

1. Short title

This King's Order-in-Council may be cited as The Control of Supplies Order, 1973.

2. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Minister" means the Minister for Commerce;

"Principal Secretary" means the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce.

3. Regulations to control supplying of goods

- (1) The Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* control and regulate in such manner as he may think necessary in the interests of the public, the supply to the public or any member or section of the public or to any particular place or area of any goods mentioned in such regulation.
- (2) Subject to such amendments as the Minister may make, the Petrol Regulations made under the repealed Defence Regulations Act No. 150 of 1941 shall be deemed to have been made by the Minister under subsection (1) hereof.

4. Obtaining of any information

- (1) The Minister or the Principal Secretary may for the purposes of this Order and by notice in the *Gazette* or by written notice to the person concerned—
 - (a) order any person who deals or has dealt in any goods specified in the notice, or who, in the ordinary course of his business or trade, handles or has handled such goods, or who supplies or has supplied or controls or has controlled the supply of any service so specified, to furnish the Principal Secretary, within the time and in the form specified in the notice, with such information and returns as are so specified and relating to his business or trade or to any such goods which he or his agent has or had in his possession or custody or over which he or his agent has or has had any control, or which he is capable of manufacturing, producing, processing or treating or which he has manufactured, produced, processed or treated, or relating to any such service;
 - (b) order any person owning or having power to dispose of or being in possession or control of goods specified in the notice, to furnish the Principal Secretary, within the time and in the form so specified, with such returns and other information relating to the said goods and to the business (if any) of such person as are so specified;
 - (c) order any person referred to in paragraph (a) to keep such records relating to any goods or service referred to in that paragraph, and to his business, as may be specified in the notice.

(2) Any person referred to in subsection (1) shall at the request of the Principal Secretary or any person authorised by him, forthwith produce to the Principal Secretary or such person, as the case may be, any book or document at his disposal which relates to any goods or service referred to in the subsection, and permit the Principal Secretary or such person to take an extract therefrom or to make a copy thereof, and shall furnish the Principal Secretary or such person with such other information at his disposal relating to such goods or service as the Principal Secretary or such person may demand from him.

5. Right of entry

For the purpose of obtaining or of ascertaining the correctness of any information whatsoever required by the Minister or the Principal Secretary for the purposes of this Order, the Principal Secretary or any person authorised by him may at all reasonable times, without prior notice, enter any premises whatsoever, make such examination and enquiry therein or thereon as he may deem necessary and, against the issue of a receipt, take samples of any goods found therein or thereon.

6. Secrecy

Any person who discloses, except to a person whose duty it is to deal with the subject matter of the disclosure, or when required to do so as a witness in a court of law, or for the purposes of this Order, any information in relation to any person or business acquired in the performance of his duties or in the exercise of his powers under this Order, shall be guilty of an offence.

7. Offences

Any person who fails to comply with this Order or any regulation made thereunder or any order issued by the Minister or the Principal Secretary shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of five hundred rand or imprisonment for six months, or both.