

NOT FOR PUBLICATION, BROADCAST IN OVERSEAS BULLETINS OR USE ON CLUB TAPES BEFORE 2330 B.S.T. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1944, (i.e. FOR THURSDAY MORNING PAPERS). NOT TO BE BROADCAST IN THE MIDNIGHT NEWS OF APRIL 5/6. THIS EMBARGO SHOULD BE RESPECTED OVERSEAS BY PREFACING ANY MESSAGES FILED WITH THE EMBARGO.

PRICES FIXED FOR MISCELLANEOUS HABERDASHERY

Complaints against kerbside profiteers have resulted in an Order controlling the prices they may charge.

The Board of Trade, in consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, have put "ceilings" on pins, hairgrips, snap-fasteners, hooks and eyes and narrow elastic. Other items of haberdashery sold by street traders are already controlled.

Examples of maximum retail selling prices, including Purchase Tax, fixed under the new Order, are:-

Pins -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. for a packet of 80.

Safety pins - 1d. a bunch of from 6 to 12 depending on size.

Hairpins - 2d. or 3d. a packet of 21 or 18, depending on the size.

Hairgrips -  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. each, except for some branded lines where a card of 4 costs  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Snapfasteners - 2d. or  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. for 12 fasteners.

Hooks and Eyes - 2d. or  $1\frac{3}{4}$ d. a dozen.

Elastic up to  $\frac{3}{16}$ " wide - 1d. ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., or 2d. per yard depending on the type.

Known as the Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) Order, it comes into force on April 10, 1944.

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