

DISTRIBUTION OF WHEATFEED

In order to effect the maximum economy in transport, a new scheme of wheatfeed distribution is being brought into operation from October 12, 1942. The essential features of the new scheme are as follows:- Distribution of the entire production of wheatfeed from that date will be under the direction of Wheatfeed Agents, appointed by the Ministry, who will be posted at various ports. The Agents, who will receive their instructions from the Ministry, will be assisted by a Deputy and an Advisory Committee.

The area within which a flour mill will be allowed to deliver wheatfeed, will be fixed by a Direction of the Minister and no flour mill will be able to accept orders for delivery outside that area without special authorisation; manufacturers and traders placing orders for wheatfeed with flour mills, will be required to declare the destination. Re-delivery from a merchant's store will be allowed within a radius of 25 miles, irrespective of the mill from which wheatfeed was originally obtained.

The first change in deliveries will occur in respect of the port mills, since the essential feature of the scheme is that the requirements of the port shall be met from the port mills and only the net surplus distributed outside the port district. No wheatfeed will move back to port from inland (except where the port district is in net deficit). There will be restrictions subsequently on the areas outside the port district within which port mills may deliver wheatfeed and the general principle will be that any long range transport from the ports will be limited to those counties where the local supply from inland mills is small.

With the assistance of their Advisory Committees, Wheatfeed Agents will allocate specified areas to inland flour mills, but this part of the scheme will not come into operation for some little time. The despatch of wheatfeed from inland flour mills during the first few weeks of the scheme will not be restricted except that these mills will not send any wheatfeed into port districts.

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