

CONTROL OF LAUNDRY CHARGES

Board of Trade Order

On the 12th September, after consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, the Board of Trade made an Order providing that charges for laundering articles of personal and domestic use might not be raised above the charges current on the 1st September, 1941.

The Central Price Regulation Committee have made enquiries into laundering costs, and the Board of Trade after consultation with them have now issued a further Order - the Laundry (Maximum Charges) (No. 2) order 1941, S.R. & O. 1712 - the effect of which is to allow laundries, in the London area only, to increase their charges by $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ over prices current during the week beginning on 21st August, 1939. The provisions of the Order which comes into force tomorrow, 1st November, cover laundry charges to large institutions and for bulk work.

The position is being further investigated with the Institution of British Launderers and if means can be found to reduce costs of laundering in the London area, a further Order will be made to reduce charges accordingly.

Copies of the new Order will be available at H. M. Stationery Office and through booksellers on Tuesday, November 4.

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