

1956 No. 1860

The Census of Distribution (1958) (Restriction on Disclosure) Order, 1956

Made - - - - 26th November, 1956
Coming into Operation 31st December, 1956

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament ;

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by sub-sections (3) and (4) of Section 9 and by Section 11 of the Statistics of Trade Act, 1947(a), and all other powers in that behalf enabling them, hereby order as follows :—

1. No individual estimates or returns and no information relating to any particular undertaking obtained by means of the census of distribution and other services to be taken by the Board of Trade in the calendar year 1958 and no part of any such estimates, returns or information shall, without the previous consent in writing of the person carrying on the undertaking which is the subject of the estimates, returns or information, be disclosed except—

- (a) for the purpose of taking the said census or for the purpose of preparing or providing, in relation to or in connection with that census, any survey, report, summary or other communication required by the said Act to be made or published ; or
- (b) for the purpose of any proceedings for an offence under the said Act or any report of those proceedings.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Census of Distribution (1958) (Restriction on Disclosure) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of December, 1956.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1956.

Peter Thorneycroft,
President of the Board of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order imposes restrictions on the disclosure of information, relating to particular undertakings, obtained by means of the census of distribution and other services to be taken by the Board of Trade in the year 1958.

These restrictions are additional to those imposed by Section 9 of the Statistics of Trade Act, 1947, in that the disclosure of such information to other government departments or to the Import Duties Advisory Committee is prohibited and disclosure may only be made for the purposes set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 1 of the Order.