

actually used by the city of Murfreesboro for the construction and maintenance of a water-pumping station, and when no longer so required and used, all interests herein authorized to be conveyed in said lands shall cease and determine.

Approved, May 9, 1942.

[CHAPTER 301]

AN ACT

For the relief of dealers in certain articles or commodities rationed under authority of the United States.

May 11, 1942
[S. 2315]
[Public Law 549]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, is amended by inserting after section 5g thereof the following new section:

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, amendment.

Ante, p. 175.

Purchases from and loans to dealers in rationed articles.

“SEC. 5h. (a) In order to prevent and relieve distress among dealers in articles or commodities which are rationed in connection with the war effort, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, acting directly or through any of its subsidiary corporations, is authorized to purchase or make loans upon the security of any article or commodity the sale or distribution of which is rationed under authority of the United States, subject to the following terms and conditions:

Terms and conditions.
Inability to sell articles in stock.

“(1) Such purchases and loans shall be made only in the case of articles or commodities which have been rationed in a manner and under circumstances which have resulted or are likely to result in a substantial number of dealers being unable, in the ordinary course of trade or business, to sell within a period of six months from the beginning of such rationing the stocks of such articles or commodities which they have in stock.

“(2) Such purchases and loans shall be made only in the case of, or for the purpose of aiding or assisting, dealers a substantial part of whose business consists of dealing in and servicing rationed articles or commodities of one or more kinds.

Purpose of such purchases, etc.

“(3) Such purchases and loans shall be made on a basis which will enable any such dealer to secure for any such article or commodity which he has on hand an amount not less than its cost to him (to the extent that such cost is a reasonable cost incurred in the ordinary course of trade or business), plus a reasonable allowance for transportation costs, storage, handling, servicing, insurance, carrying charges, and other expenses incurred by the dealer in connection with such article or commodity.

Basis of purchases and loans.

“(4) Such purchases and loans shall be made on a basis which will enable any such dealer to secure for any such article or commodity that has been in the stock of one or more dealers for an aggregate of eighteen months or longer after the beginning of the rationing an amount not less than the fair retail price as fixed by the Price Administrator for such article or commodity wherever located.

Articles in stock 18 months or longer.

“(5) Such purchases may be made from and such loans made to such dealers or credit agencies furnishing credit for such dealers, and may be made upon the request of any dealer having title to the rationed article or commodity or having the right to acquire title thereto upon the discharge of his credit obligations with respect thereto.

Transactions with dealers or credit agencies.

“(b) The Reconstruction Finance Corporation may prescribe such additional terms and conditions with respect to such purchases and loans as it deems to be necessary and consistent with the purposes of this section: *Provided*, That the Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall not be required to purchase or make a loan upon the security

Additional terms and conditions.

Provided.
Articles in nonsalable condition.

of any article or commodity which is not in a salable condition, or which has suffered substantial damage or deterioration as the result of negligence or lack of proper care: *And provided further*, That if, upon the sale of any article or commodity acquired pursuant to the terms of any loan contract entered into hereunder, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or any subsidiary corporation thereof shall not recover, by reason of any limitation upon sales price imposed pursuant to the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, the full amount of any such loan, no recourse on account of such deficiency shall be had against the borrower. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to sell at public or private sale, with or without competitive bidding, any article or commodity acquired by it pursuant to this section: *Provided*, That, until the expiration of nineteen months after the beginning of the rationing of such article or commodity, no such sale shall be made except to a dealer in such article or commodity. In the event any such sale is made to another department or agency of the Government, such other department or agency is hereby authorized, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to pay for such article or commodity any price not in excess of a fair retail market price as of the date of such sale.

“(c) The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to make such agreements or arrangements as may be necessary and appropriate for carrying out the purposes of this section, including agreements to pay to those from whom it acquires articles or commodities a portion of the proceeds realized by such Corporation from the sale of such articles or commodities. For the purposes of this section, an article or commodity shall be deemed to be rationed whenever its sale to the general public in the ordinary course of trade or business has been restricted or prohibited by any regulation or order made for the purpose of aiding in the more effective prosecution of the war effort or for the purpose of conserving the supply of such article or commodity.

“(d) No authority, limitation, restriction, or other provision contained in this section shall be construed to limit, restrict, modify, or otherwise in any way affect any authority or powers now or hereafter vested in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or in any corporation created or organized by or at the instance of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.”

Approved, May 11, 1942.

[CHAPTER 303]

AN ACT

To change the designation of the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of the Navy to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of the Navy shall be designated the Bureau of Naval Personnel. The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation and the assistant to the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation shall be designated, respectively, as the Chief of Naval Personnel and the Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel.

SEC. 2. All laws or parts of laws now in force relating to the Bureau of Navigation shall now and hereafter apply to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Approved, May 13, 1942.

No recourse against borrower.

Ante, p. 23.
Post, p. 765.

Sale of acquired article.

Restrictions.

Administrative provisions.

Rationed article or commodity defined.

Authority of RFC not affected.

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[Public Law 550]

Bureau of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy.