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Office of Price Administration

PRICE CONTROLS RELAXED: A group of 24 miscellaneous commodities, mostly minor food items, were exempted from price control on January 28, the Office of Price Administration announced on January 23.

The action also extended until March 30, 1946, the existing suspension of price ceilings on fresh, frozen, and canned crabmeat. The suspension of controls for these items would have expired January 29, 1946, in the absence of the new amendment.

The 24 commodities were being exempted under provisions of the recent directive dealing with the removal and suspension of price ceilings, OPA said. The items included the following fishery products:

Imported and domestic canned eels, frozen clams, frozen oysters.

Amendment 15 to Supplementary Order 132--Exemption and Suspension from Price Control of Certain Foods, Grains and Cereals, Feeds, Tobacco and Tobacco Products, Agricultural Chemicals, Insecticides and Beverages--became effective January 28, 1946.

NORWEGIAN SARDINES: Maximum prices have been established for importers' sales of Norwegian Brisling sardines packed in refined herring oil, the Office of Price Administration announced on January 30, in issuing Order 362 to Order 38 under the Maximum Import Price Regulation, effective February 5.

This canned fish product is again available to United States buyers, and numerous importers have requested authorization of individual ceiling prices, OPA stated. The new prices, applicable to all importers, will relieve both OPA and importers from the burden of handling individual applications for ceiling prices, the agency added.

The prices, (subject to adjustment for duty) ex-dock or warehouse United States point of entry, duty paid are:

Sales by importers to--	Per case of 100 3¼ ounce--Norwegian brisling sardines	
	Aluminum containers	Tin containers
Wholesalers and chain stores.....	\$17.37	\$16.43
Independent retailers.....	18.29	17.30
Industrial and institutional users.....	19.06	18.03

Retail ceiling prices for imported Norwegian Brisling sardines will be computed under other regulations, and will range from 21 to 26 cents a can, depending upon the location and classification of the retail stores.

