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Restrictions on the production and sale of parts required for the manufacture and repair of electronic equipment, including radio sets, were removed by the War Production Board today as a major step in reconversion of the radio industry. In addition, restrictions were removed from the sale of electronic equipment when produced under WPB authorization, the agency announced.

This was effected by amendment to the WPB limitation order (L-265) controlling electronic equipment.

Although electronic equipment may now be assembled and sold under "spot" authorizations, WPB said that the public need not expect any quantity of new sets in the near future, since manufacturers must first seek WPB permission and then obtain materials and component parts before they can assemble sets and release them to retailers.

There are no restrictions on either the production or sale of component parts for electronic equipment under the amended order just issued, WPB pointed out, adding that the only remaining limitations on quantities that may be purchased are those on inventories in Priorities Regulation 1.

Manufacturers who wish to assemble the more common types of end equipment must have an authorization from WPB. The types of equipment that are still restricted are listed in Schedule A of the order as manual of automatic phonographs, record players, home recorders and phonograph amplifiers; amusement devices of the types usually coin-or token-operated; radio transmitters or receivers, including amplitude modulation, frequency modulation, facsimile and television; public address systems and equipment including inter-communication systems and test equipment.

Applications for permission to make such equipment under "spot" authorizations in the third and fourth quarters of 1945 may be filed under the provisions of Priorities Regulation 25. Instructions for filing applications, which were first published as July 14, 1945, Direction 2, are now included in the order itself, and the direction has been revoked. Application form WPB-4000, which requires a listing of the major electronic components to be used, should be filed as soon as possible, WPB said. In revising the order, relays have been added to the list, which originally included tubes, transformers and reactors (excluding radio frequency and intermediate frequency coils), capacitors (fixed and variable), resistors (fixed and variable), loud speakers, switches, sockets and relays.

In addition, producers may manufacture restricted electronic equipment to fill (1) actual orders for the armed services and other specified Government agencies, (2) actual orders bearing preference ratings, and (3) an authorized production schedule as defined in CMP Regulation 1.

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Since the amended order contains no restrictions on the production or sale of component parts, the consumer's and supplier's certifications previously required have been deleted, and are not required in the sale of component parts. However, a new certification is included that may be used, although not required, in buying parts from a manufacturer. If any distributor, dealer or person purchasing repair parts from a producer certifies that he will use or resell them for repair only, the order will be treated as though having an AA-3 rating, except that manufacturers do not make delivery on such orders in the same sequence in which they are received. A manufacturer must distribute his available supply of repair parts to his various customers so as to obtain a wide and equitable distribution, WPB said.

Direction 1 to the order has been amended to agree with the principles of the basic order.

It is no longer necessary to limit sales of home receivers or other electronic equipment including public address and intercommunication systems, test equipment, etc. to rated orders if production was authorized by WPB. Rated orders must be filed before unrated orders and some types of test equipment are scheduled under M-293.

The order explains which receiving tubes are to be marked MR indicating "maintenance and repair", and prohibits the use of MR tubes in the production of new electronic equipment.

Interpretations 1, 3, 4 and 5 were revoked and Interpretation 2 was amended to agree with the amended order.

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