EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amending Order frees establishments from the requirement to deliver to their suppliers weekly certificates on Form M.5 of meat received.

The Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1951

1951 No. 855

Made - - - -	15*th May*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	16*th May*, 1951
Coming into Operation	20*th May*, 1951

The Minister of Food, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(a) (as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(b) and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1950(c)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. In this Order—

" Appropriate coupon " means a coupon in any ration document being either—

(*a*) a coupon which forms part of a row of coupons against which the word " Bacon " appears ; or

(*b*) a coupon upon which the word " Bacon " is marked.

" Bacon " includes hams and any other part of the carcase of a pig (excluding the offals, the feet and the head) which has been cured in any way but does not include—

(*a*) chaps or chawls, fore-leg knuckles, hind-leg knuckles and the parts of shoulders known as " picnics " ;

(*b*) cooked ham, cooked gammon, cooked boneless streak bacon and cooked boneless belly bacon ;

(*c*) bacon trimmings, including any facing or trimming or any end or remainder of any piece of bacon ;

(*d*) pickled pork ;

(*e*) canned bacon and canned ham:

Provided that bacon shall be deemed to include and pickled pork shall be deemed not to include any part of the carcase of a pig (except the offals, the feet and the head) which has been subjected to a dry curing process, or to a process of pickling for a period exceeding 48 hours, or which has matured after removal from pickle for a period exceeding 48 hours.

" The Principal Order " means the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1951(d).

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615–1625) II, pp. 39 and 45–56.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.
(d) S.I. 1951 No. 854, p. 60 above.

2. Bacon is hereby declared to be a rationed food for the purposes of the Principal Order.

3. Article 2 of the Principal Order shall apply in respect of the obtaining of bacon by or the supply of bacon to retailers.

4. The maximum quantity of bacon (hereinafter referred to as "the bacon ration") which may be obtained or supplied for household consumption against any appropriate coupon shall be the amount ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order:

Save that the maximum amount of bacon which may be obtained or supplied against an appropriate coupon for bacon in any Ration Book R.B.1, R.B.2 or R.B.4 of the thirteenth edition relating to the week commencing 13th May, 1951, and valid for use during that week and the following week, but not used during the said week commencing 13th May, 1951, shall be 4 oz.

5.—(1) An appropriate coupon for bacon numbered 1 in any ration document shall relate to the week beginning on the 20th day of May, 1951, and the coupons successively numbered in such ration document shall relate to the weeks thereafter in corresponding order. Any reference to any week so numbered in any ration document (other than a ration document relating to a period the whole or any part of which occurred prior to the coming into force of this Order) shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Any appropriate coupon for bacon in a General Ration Book R.B.1 or Child's Ration Book R.B.2 shall be valid only during the week to which it relates and during the following week.

(3) Any appropriate coupon for bacon in a Form R.B.12 shall be valid only during the period specified on the form (or in the case of a double form on that half of the form of which the coupon forms part).

(4) Any appropriate coupon in a Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A shall be valid at any time prior to the expiration of 7 days from the date marked on the card or, where more than one date is so marked, from the latest of such dates.

(5) Any appropriate coupon for bacon in a Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6 relating to any week shall be valid at any time, provided that the counterfoil in respect of that week shall have been duly signed and completed by the master or owner of the vessel upon which the holder is employed.

6.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 20th day of May, 1951.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1951, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

Maurice Webb,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 15th day of May, 1951.

THE SCHEDULE

AMOUNT OF THE BACON RATION

1st Column	2nd Column
Against each appropriate coupon in a—	Amount (free of bone)
General Ration Book R.B.1	5 oz.
Child's Ration Book R.B.2	
Form R.B.12	
Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A	2 oz.
Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6	8 oz.

Where a Form R.G. 48 relating to bacon is produced with a ration document the amount of bacon obtainable during the period of validity of such form against each appropriate coupon for bacon in the ration document shall be increased as specified on the form.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order re-enacts the provisions of the Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1950, as amended, with alterations providing for the use of the new ration documents valid in respect of the rationing year commencing on 20th May, 1951.

Provision is also made for an increase, as from 20th May, 1951, in the amount of the bacon ration which may be obtained against appropriate coupons in Ration Books R.B.1 and R.B.2 and a Form R.B.12 from 4 ozs. to 5 ozs. per week. Coupons in the old General Ration Book, Junior Ration Book and Child's Ration Book for the week commencing 13th May, 1951, but not used in that week, and remaining valid for use during the week commencing 20th May, 1951, remain valid for 4 ozs. only.

This Order is to be construed as one with the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1951. By virtue of the latter Order—

(*a*) the bacon coupons numbered 52 in the old General Ration Book, Junior Ration Book and Child's Ration Book are valid for use during the first week of the new rationing year ;

(*b*) any bacon coupon in a Weekly Seaman's old Ration Book is valid during the first four weeks of the new rationing year provided the counterfoil is signed in the usual way.