XVIII. GELATINE (EDIBLE)

The Edible Gelatine Order, 1948

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55 and 55AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939(**a**), as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(**b**) as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(**c**), and of all other powers him enabling, the Minister of Food hereby makes the following Order:—

Interpretation.

1. In this Order:—

" The Minister " means the Minister of Food.

" Edible gelatine " means the clean, wholesome protein which—

(*a*) is obtained by extraction from collagenous material;

(*b*) is free from objectionable taste and offensive odour when in a warm five-per-cent. aqueous solution;

(*c*) contains, when air-dried, not more than 3.25 per cent. by weight of mineral matter; and

(*d*) contains, when air-dried, in each million parts by weight, not more than 1.4 parts by weight of arsenic (expressed as arsenious oxide—$As_2 O_3$), 10 parts by weight of lead, 30 parts by weight of copper or 100 parts by weight of zinc.

" Food " means any article used as food or drink for human consumption, and includes any substance which is intended for use in the composition or preparation of food, any flavouring, sweetening matter or condiment, and any colouring matter intended for use in food; and an article shall not be deemed not to be food by reason only that it is capable of being used as a medicine.

" Gelatine " includes edible gelatine.

" Manufacture " includes drying or dehydrating, pickling, curing or smoking, any form of processing, the blending or mixing of one article of food with another article of food (whether of the same or a different description), and the cooking or preparing for eating of any article of food.

No gelatine except edible gelatine to be used in the manufacture of food.

2. No person shall use any gelatine other than edible gelatine in the manufacture of any food.

(**a**) *See* Note, p. 15 above.
(**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615–25) II, pp. 39 and 45–56.
(**c**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.

Blending of gelatine.

3. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the blending or mixing of any gelatine with any gelatine in the manufacture of edible gelatine.

Keeping of records.

4.—(1) Every person who uses any gelatine in the manufacture of any food shall keep or cause to be kept an accurate record of all purchases by him of gelatine used or intended for use in such manufacture and of all agreements made by him for the purchase of such gelatine; and such record shall show in each case the name and address of the seller, the quantity of such gelatine and the dates of delivery.

(2) The retention by any person of an invoice or a copy of an invoice shall as regards the particulars shown in such document be a sufficient compliance by him with the provisions of this Article.

(3) Every person who is required by this Article to keep any record shall retain it for one year from the date of the transaction to which it relates.

Directions, licences and authorisations.

5.—(1) The provisions of this Order are subject to any directions that may at any time be given by or on behalf of the Minister, and to any licences or authorisations that may be granted by or on behalf of the Minister under this Order.

(2) Every person holding a licence or authorisation granted under this Order shall comply with every condition imposed by such licence or authorisation.

(3) Every licence or authorisation granted under this Order is and shall remain the property of the Minister; and the licensee or any person in possession of any such licence or authorisation shall, if requested to do so by or on behalf of the Minister, produce or deliver it to such person or to a person of such class or description, and within such time, as may be specified in the request.

Revocation.

6. The Edible Gelatine (Control) Order, 1947 as amended(**a**) is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

Infringements.

7. Infringements of this Order are offences against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Citation and commencement.

8. This Order may be cited as the Edible Gelatine Order, 1948; and shall come into operation on the 22nd day of November, 1948.

By Order of the Minister of Food.

Edith Summerskill,
Parliamentary Secretary.

Dated the 15th day of November, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order replaces the Edible Gelatine (Control) Order, 1947. It continues the prohibition of the use of gelatine other than edible gelatine (as defined) in the manufacture of food, but does not continue the restriction of the use of edible gelatine to particular named foods.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1947 (Nos. 161 and 968) II, pp. 757 and 760.