1953 No. 794

The Fats and Cheese (Rationing) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*9th May*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	*11th May*, 1953
Coming into Operation	*17th May*, 1953

The Minister of Food, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55 and 55AA 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 the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(c), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1952(d)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

PART I

General

1.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 17th day of May, 1953, may be cited as the Fats and Cheese (Rationing) Order, 1953, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

(2) In this Order—

" Appropriate coupon " means in respect of fats or cheese a coupon in any ration document being either—

(*a*) a coupon which forms part of a row of coupons against which the description of the rationed food appears ; or

(*b*) a coupon upon which the description of the rationed food is marked ;

and except where otherwise specified any reference in this Order to an appropriate coupon shall be construed as a reference to an appropriate coupon in respect of one of the foods herebefore mentioned in this definition.

" Butter " means the substance usually known as butter manufactured or prepared from cow's milk.

" Cheese " means—

(*a*) any cheese of the following varieties, whether home produced or imported, namely, Cheddar, Cheshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, White Wensleydale or Dunlop ;

(*b*) any imported processed cheese, that is to say cheese which after manufacture has been heated and to which an emulsifying agent has been added, of the varieties set out in sub-paragraph (*a*) of this definition.

" Cooking fats " means any fat or mixture of oils and fats fit for human food or for use in the manufacture, preparation or treatment of human food, having a melting point which when determined by the method

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945/1618; 1945 II, p. 48.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(d) S.I. 1952/2094; 1952 III, p. 3006.

specified in the Fourth Schedule to the Oils and Fats Order 1953(a), is not less than 30 degrees centigrade, and for the purpose of this Order shall include lard as defined in this Order but shall not include hog grease (whether or not refined or bleached), fat resulting from the cooking of bacon or ham, dripping, premier jus, margarine, butter, vegetarian butter, cocoa butter, illipe butter, horse fat, technical tallow as defined in the said Oils and Fats Order, 1953, or any unrendered animal fat.

"Farm butter" means butter manufactured by a farmer on his farm premises from milk produced by such farmer, for the manufacture of which a licence is not required under the Butter Order, 1951(b).

"Fats" means butter, margarine and cooking fats.

"Lard" means rendered fat derived from a pig and having a melting point which when determined by the method specified in the Fourth Schedule to the said Oils and Fats Order, 1953, is not less than 25 degrees centigrade, but does not include hog grease (whether or not refined or bleached) or fat resulting from the cooking of bacon or ham.

"Margarine" includes any vegetarian butter other than peanut butter or paste or sunflower butter or paste; it does not include cocoa butter.

"The Principal Order" means the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1953(c).

"Vegetarian butter" means any soft fatty paste fit for human consumption consisting of vegetable oils or fats or a mixture of both and containing also other material derived from oilseeds, nuts or kernels.

2. Fats and cheese are hereby declared to be rationed foods for the purposes of the Principal Order.

3.—(1) An appropriate coupon numbered 1 in any ration document shall relate to the week beginning on the 17th day of May, 1953, and the coupons successively numbered in such ration document shall relate to the weeks thereafter in corresponding order. Any reference to a week so numbered in any ration document shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Any appropriate coupon in a General Ration Book R.B.1 or Child's Ration Book R.B.2 relating to any week shall be valid at any time during the ration period in which the week occurs.

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

(a) S.I. 1953/210. (b) S.I. 1951/801; 1951 III, p. 136. (c) S.I. 1953/792, p. 2015 above.

4. Save as hereinafter provided the maximum quantities of fats or cheese which may be obtained or supplied for household consumption against any appropriate coupon shall be an amount ascertained in accordance with the Schedule to this Order:

Provided that—

(*a*) the maximum quantity of margarine which may be obtained or supplied against each appropriate coupon for margarine in a General Ration Book R.B.1, a Child's Ration Book R.B.2 or a Form R.B.12 valid for use at any time during ration period No. 1 shall be 5 oz.;

(*b*) the maximum quantity of cheese which may be obtained or supplied against each appropriate coupon for cheese in a General Ration Book R.B.1, a Child's Ration Book R.B.2 or a Form R.B.12 valid for use at any time during ration period No. 1 or No. 2 shall be 2 oz. except in the case of a Form R.B.12 endorsed by the Issuing Officer with the letters "S" or "SS" when the ration shall remain at 12 oz. and 24 oz. respectively.

PART II

Provisions Relating to Fats

5.—(1) Article 2 of the Principal Order shall apply in respect of the obtaining by or the supply to any trader of butter other than farm butter.

(2) Every retailer who carries on any undertaking in the course of which he obtains or manufactures farm butter shall keep or cause to be kept an accurate record of all such butter obtained or manufactured by him.

(3) A person may supply to a trader in any 8-week period a quantity of butter exceeding the quantity authorised in respect of that period on the permit issued to the trader, if it is reasonably necessary to do so in order to avoid breaking a bulk package, provided that the quantity in excess of such authorised quantity shall be deducted from (and shall not in any case exceed) the quantity authorised in respect of the next such period.

6. Article 2 of the Principal Order shall apply in respect of the obtaining by or the supply to any trader of margarine and cooking fats.

PART III

Provisions Relating to Cheese

7.—(1) Article 2 of the Principal Order shall apply in respect of the obtaining of cheese by or the supply of cheese to any trader.

(2) A person may supply to a trader in any 8-week period a quantity of cheese exceeding the quantity authorised in respect of that period on the permit issued to the trader, if it is reasonably necessary to do so in order to avoid breaking a bulk package or cutting a whole cheese, provided that the quantity in excess of such authorised quantity shall be deducted from (and shall not in any case exceed) the quantity authorised in respect of the next such period.

By Order of the Minister of Food.

Charles Hill,
Parliamentary Secretary.

Dated the 9th day of May, 1953.

THE SCHEDULE

[New Schedule substituted by S.I. 1953/1538, *see* p. 2042 below.]

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order is to be construed as one with the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1953, which revokes the Fats and Cheese (Rationing) Order, 1952, as amended.

This Order—

(*a*) re-enacts the Fats and Cheese (Rationing) Order, 1952, as amended, with alterations providing for the use of the new ration documents valid in respect of the rationing year beginning 17th May, 1953;

(*b*) increases during ration period No. 1 (17th May, 1953, to 13th June, 1953, inclusive) the margarine ration obtainable against each appropriate coupon in a General Ration Book R.B.1, Child's Ration Book R.B.2 and Temporary Ration Card R.B.12 from 4 oz. to 5 oz.;

(*c*) increases during ration periods Nos. 1 and 2 (17th May, 1953, to 11th July, 1953, inclusive) the cheese ration obtainable against each appropriate coupon in a General Ration Book R.B.1, Child's Ration Book R.B.2 and Temporary Ration Card R.B.12 from 1½ oz. to 2 oz.;

(*d*) frees home produced processed cheese from the rationing scheme.

1953 No. 1278

The Fats and Cheese (Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	17*th August*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	18*th August*, 1953
Coming into Operation	23*rd August*, 1953

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 the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(**c**), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1952(**d**)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 23rd day of August, 1953, and may be cited as the Fats and Cheese (Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1953.

2. The Fats and Cheese (Rationing) Order, 1953(**e**) as amended(**f**), shall be further amended as follows:—

(*a*) by substituting in paragraph (2) of Article 1 thereof for the definitions of cooking fats and lard respectively the following definitions:—

"'Cooking fats' means any mixture fit for human food or for use in the manufacture, preparation or treatment of human food,

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(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945/1618; 1945 II, p. 48.
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (**c**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25. (**d**) S.I. 1952/2094; 1952 III, p. 3006.
(**e**) S.I. 1953/794, p. 2037 above. (**f**) S.I. 1953/916, 958.