(C) FATS, CHEESE AND TEA

The Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948

1948 No. 1636

Made - - - -	14*th July*, 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 Purpose) Act, 1947(**c**), and of all other powers him enabling, the Minister of Food hereby makes the following Order:—

PART I

Provisions Relating to Fats, Cheese and Tea

1. In this Order—

"Appropriate coupon" means in respect of fats, cheese or tea 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; or

(*c*) a coupon marked "T" which coupon shall be an appropriate coupon in respect of tea:

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"(**d**) means cheese of any variety or description, including processed cheese, with the exception of soft cheese, curd cheese, lactic cheese, cheese made from milk other than cow's milk and any variety or description of cheese for the time being specified in the first column of Part XIV of the Second Schedule to the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948(**e**).

"Cooking fats" includes any shortening, confectionery or other fat suitable for human food or for use in the preparation, manufacture or treatment of human food, made wholly or partly from one or more vegetable or animal oils or fats (including fish and marine animal oils or fats) but does not include butter, vegetarian butters, cocoa butter, margarine, suet, dripping, the products known as hard butters or any cooking oil.

(**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.
(**d**) *See* amendment, p. 484 below.
(**e**) S.I. 1948 No. 1587, p. 451 above.

" 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 (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947(**a**).

" Fats " means butter, margarine and cooking fats.

" Margarine " includes any vegetarian butter other than cocoa butter and peanut butter or paste.

" Specified period " means in relation to the use of any rationed food by an establishment, the period by reference to which the quantities of such rationed food obtainable by the establishment are specified on the relevant ration document.

" The Principal Order " means the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948(**b**).

2. Fats, cheese and tea 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 18th day of July, 1948, 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, Junior Ration Book R.B.4 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.G.64 relating to any week shall be valid at any time during the 8 week period in which the week occurs.

(4) 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).

(5) Any appropriate coupon in a Duty Ration Card R.B.8R shall be valid only during the period specified on the card.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

4. The maximum quantities of fats, cheese or tea 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.

5.—(1) The total quantities of fats, cheese and tea used in any institution in any specified period for persons residing therein shall not exceed the total respective quantities which the residents in the institution would be permitted to obtain for household consumption if they were not resident in an establishment:

Provided that any quantity of margarine may be used instead of an equal quantity of cooking fat.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1947 (Nos. 551 and 1973) II, pp. 556, 561.
(**b**) S.I. 1948 No. 1631, p. 427 above.

(2) Where a notification has been given in respect of any establishment by or on behalf of the Minister stating that fats, cheese or tea may be obtained for the purposes of that establishment at a rate exceeding the rate specified in Articles 8, 10 or 13 of this Order, as the case may be, the quantity of such rationed food which may be used in the establishment under that Article shall be a quantity calculated at such increased rate.

PART II

Provisions Relating to Fats

6.—(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.

7. 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.

8.*—(1) The total quantity of fats which may be used in any specified period shall not exceed—

(*a*) in canteens and staff dining rooms which are not available or open to the public, in school feeding centres, in institutions in respect of meals served to persons other than residents and in catering establishments whose charge for any meal (exclusive of beverages other than water and service charge, if any) does not exceed 2s. 3d. per person, an amount calculated at the rate of $\frac{2}{7}$ths oz. in total (but so that not more than $\frac{3}{8}$ths of such amount shall be butter and not more than $\frac{1}{8}$th of such amount shall be cooking fats) per person per meal served in or by such establishments; save that in institutions in respect of meals served to persons other than residents the amount shall be calculated in relation to the number of meals served in or by the institution to those non-residents;

(*b*) in any catering establishment in respect of meals served to residents, an amount calculated at the rate of $\frac{2}{7}$ths oz. in total (but so that not more than $\frac{3}{8}$ths of such amount shall be butter and not more than $\frac{1}{8}$th of such amount shall be cooking fats) per meal served to a resident;

(*c*) in any catering establishment other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph in respect of meals served to persons other than residents—

(i) in the case of butter and margarine, an amount calculated per meal served to a non-resident at the rate specified in sub-paragraph (*b*) above less 15 per cent.

(ii) in the case of cooking fats, an amount calculated at the rate of $\frac{1}{28}$th oz. per meal served to a non-resident.

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* *See* amendments, p. 485 below.

(2) For the purposes of this Article " resident " means a person who has bona fide reserved lodgings for one night or more in the establishment in which the meal is supplied and means that person only during the period for which the lodgings so reserved are occupied. In the case of a person who, owing to the nature of his occupation, sleeps during the day and works during the night, the first sentence of this paragraph shall have effect as if the word " day " were substituted for the word " night ".

PART III

Provisions Relating to Cheese

9.—(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.

10.—(1) The total quantity of cheese which may be used in any specified period shall not exceed—

(*a*) in canteens and staff dining rooms which are not available or open to the public, in school feeding centres, in institutions in respect of meals served to persons other than residents and in catering establishments whose charge for any meal (exclusive of beverages other than water and service charge, if any) does not exceed 2s. 3d. per person, an amount calculated at the rate of $\frac{3}{5}\frac{3}{6}$ths oz. per person per meal served in or by such establishments, save that in institutions in respect of meals served to persons other than residents the amount shall be calculated in relation to the number of meals served in or by the institution to those non-residents;

(*b*) in any catering establishment in respect of meals served to residents, an amount calculated at the rate of $\frac{3}{5}\frac{3}{6}$ths oz. per meal served to a resident;

(*c*) in any catering establishment other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph in respect of meals served to persons other than residents, an amount calculated per meal served to a non-resident at the rate specified in sub-paragraph (*b*) above less 17½ per cent.

(2) For the purposes of this Article " resident " shall have the meaning prescribed by paragraph (2) of Article 8 of this Order.

PART IV

Provisions Relating to Tea

11. Article 2 of the Principal Order shall apply in respect of the obtaining of tea by or the supply of tea to any trader, except in respect of—

(*a*) the supply or obtaining of tea by way of exchange between two wholesalers, if—

(i) the quantities exchanged are equal or as nearly equal as is practicable having regard to the containers in which the tea is packed, and

(ii) any such exchange is completed within two weeks from the first delivery of any tea in connection with the exchange by one party thereto to the other party;

(*b*) the supply of tea by way of export from the United Kingdom;

(*c*) the obtaining of tea by or the supply of tea to the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes.

12.—(1) During any ration period tea shall not be obtained or supplied on more than one occasion by the use of all or any of the coupons valid during that period and contained in a General Ration Book R.B.1 or Junior Ration Book R.B.4 (other than a coupon contained in a Form R.B.12 or Form R.G.64 forming part of any such ration book), nor on more than one occasion by the use of all or any of the coupons valid during that period and contained in a Form R.G.64:

Provided that the restrictions imposed by this Article shall not apply to the obtaining of tea by, or the supply of tea to, any person who is in receipt of an Old Age Pension under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936(a), or under or by virtue of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age (Contributory) Pensions Acts, 1936-1940, or under any enactment repealed by any of those Acts.

(2) Tea shall not be obtained or supplied on more than one occasion by the use of all or any of the coupons contained in a Duty Ration Card R.B.8R.

13. The total quantity of tea which may be used in any specified period—

(*a*) in any catering establishment; or

(*b*) in any institution for persons not residing therein,

shall not exceed an amount calculated at the rate of 1 lb. for each 280 hot beverages served in or by the catering establishment or to such persons by the institution.

PART V

Commencement and Citation

14.—(1) This Order shall come into force on the 18th day of July, 1948.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948, and shall be construed as one with the principal Order.

By Order of the Minister of Food.

Edith Summerskill,
Parliamentary Secretary.

Dated the 14th day of July, 1948.

(a) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 31.

THE SCHEDULE

AMOUNT OF THE RATION

Description of Rationed Food	Amount against each appropriate coupon (if any) in—			
	General Ration Book R.B.1, Junior Ration Book R.B.4, Child's Ration Book R.B.2, Duty Ration Card R.B.8R	Form R.B.12	Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A	Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6
Butter ...	4 ozs. in each odd numbered ration week and 2 ozs. in each even numbered ration week. Margarine may be obtained in lieu of the whole or part of the butter ration.	3 ozs. Margarine may be obtained in lieu of the whole or part of the butter ration.	1 oz. Margarine may be obtained in lieu thereof(a).	14½ ozs. of fats in any proportion so, however, that not more than 10½ ozs. shall be butter.
Margarine	4 ozs.	4 ozs.	2 ozs.	
Cooking Fats ...	1 oz.(b)	1 oz.(b)	1 oz.	
Cheese ...	1½ oz.	1½ oz. except in the case of a form endorsed by the Issuing Officer— (a) with the letter "S" when the ration shall be 12 oz. (b) with the letters "SS" when the ration shall be 24 oz.	1 oz. except in the case of a card endorsed by the Issuing Officer— (a) with the letter "S" when the ration shall be 6 oz. (b) with the letters "SS" when the ration shall be 12 oz.	4 oz.
Tea ...	2 oz.	2 oz.	1 oz.	4 oz.

1. The amount of tea against each appropriate coupon in a form R.G.64 shall be 1 oz.

2. Where a form R.G.48 relating to any rationed food is produced with a ration document the amount obtainable during the period of validity of such form against each appropriate coupon for that food—

(*a*) in the case of a form relating to cheese, shall be the amount specified on the form, or, where no amount is so specified, shall be 12 oz. for each special ration specified on the form. In each case the amount is in lieu of that specified in the table above.

(*b*) in any other case, shall be increased as specified on the form.

(a) 2 ozs. substituted, *see* p. 486 below. (b) 2 ozs. substituted, *see* p. 485 below.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which is to be construed as one with the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948, re-enacts the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1947, as amended, with alterations providing for the use of the new ration documents valid in respect of the rationing year beginning on 18th July, 1948.

The Order also provides for a reduction in the butter ration as from 18th July, 1948, and makes a corresponding reduction in the amount which may be used by establishments.

The Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948

1948 No. 1821

Made - - - -	*31st July,* 1948
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In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 55 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:—

1. The Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948(**d**), shall be amended by inserting in the definition of cheese in Article 1 thereof after the words " with the exception of " the words " Carre de l'Est cheese,".

2. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1948, and may be cited as the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

By Order of the Minister of Food.

Edith Summerskill,
Parliamentary Secretary.

Dated the 31st day of July, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amending Order, which comes into force on the 1st August, 1948, is consequential upon the release of Carre de l'Est cheese from points rationing, and at the same time frees that cheese from the provisions of the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948.

(**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.
(**d**) S. I. 1948 No. 1636, p. 478 above.