The Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1950

1950 No. 796

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In exercise 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 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, other than coupons numbered 1 to 48 inclusive in a form $\frac{\text{R.G.64}}{\text{TEA}}$; 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 " means cheese of any variety or description, including processed cheese, with the exception of imported blue vein, Stilton, Blue Cheshire, Parmesan, Scandinavian Primula, Carre de l'Est, Pont l'Eveque, Camembert, Brie, Swiss Emmenthal, Petit Gruyere, Fromage Demi-sel and Saint-Paulin cheeses, Italian full cream soft cheese, soft cheese, curd cheese, lactic cheese, and cheese made from milk other than cow's milk.

" 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 specified in the Fourth Schedule to the Oils and Fats (No. 2) Order,

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

1949(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 dripping, premier jus, margarine, butter, vegetarian butter, cocoa butter, horse fat, technical tallow as defined in the said Oils and Fats (No. 2) Order, 1949, 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 (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947, as amended(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 Oils and Fats (No. 2) Order, 1949, is not less than 25 degrees centigrade, but does not include unrefined or unbleached hog grease.

"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, 1950(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, 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 21st day of May, 1950, 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 ration period in which the week occurs, during the preceding ration period and during the succeeding ration period. Appropriate coupons for tea numbered 49, 50, 51 and 52 in a Form $\frac{\text{R.G.64}}{\text{TEA}}$ valid for use but not used prior to the 21st May, 1950, shall be valid for use at any time during the ration period beginning 21st May, 1950, but not otherwise.

(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).

(a) S.I. 1949 (No. 2291) II, p. 523.
(b) S.R. & O. 1947 (Nos. 551 and 1973) II, pp. 556 and 561; S.I. 1949 (No. 878) II, p. 287; and 1950 No. 588 (for virtual revocation and replacement by S.I. 1950 No. 1429 *see* p. 489 below.)
(c) S.I. 1950 No. 790, p. 420 above.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

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.

PART IV

Provisions Relating to Tea

8. 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.

9. 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.

PART V

Commencement and Citation

10.—(1) This Order shall come into force on the 21st day of May, 1950.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1950, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

Dated the 18th day of May, 1950.

Maurice Webb,
Minister of Food.

(**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	Form R.B.12	Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A	Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6
Butter ...	6 oz. in each odd numbered ration week and 4 oz. in each even numbered ration week. (Margarine may be obtained in lieu of the whole or part of the butter ration.)	5 oz. (Margarine may be obtained in lieu of the whole or part of the butter ration.)	2 oz. (Margarine may be obtained in lieu thereof.)	14½ oz. of fats in any proportion so, however, that not more than 10½ oz. shall be butter.
Margarine...	4 oz.	4 oz.	2 oz.	
Cooking Fats ...	2 oz.	2 oz.	1 oz.	
Cheese ...	2 oz.	2 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 ...	(*a*) In the case of a coupon relating to any week in ration period No. 1—3 oz. (*b*) In any other case —2 oz.	(*a*) In the case where the whole or any part of 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) falls within the period from 21st May, 1950, to 15th July, 1950, inclusive—2½ oz. (*b*) In any other case —2 oz.	1 oz.	4 oz.

1.—(1) The amount of tea against each appropriate coupon in a form R.G.64 (other than a form $\frac{\text{R.G.64}}{\text{TEA}}$) shall be ½ oz. in the case of a coupon relating to any week in ration period No. 1 or No. 2 and 1 oz. in any other case.

(2) The amount of Tea against an appropriate coupon numbered 49, 50, 51 or 52 in a Form $\frac{\text{R.G.64}}{\text{TEA}}$ valid for use in the ration period beginning 21st May, 1950, shall be ½ oz.

2. Where a form R.G.48 or R.G.48E 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.

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, 1950, re-enacts the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1949, as amended, with alterations providing for the use of the new ration documents valid in respect of the rationing year beginning on 21st May, 1950.

This Order also, as from 16th July, 1950, reduces to 2 ozs. the value of all tea coupons in a General Ration Book R.B.1, a Junior Ration Book R.B.4 and a Form R.B.12. The value of a coupon for tea in a Form R.G.64 is at the same time increased from ½ oz. to 1 oz.

The Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1950

1950 No. 1071

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In exercise 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 of all other powers him enabling, the Minister of Food hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1950(**c**), shall be amended by substituting for the definition of cheese in Article 1 thereof the following definition:—

"'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 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.".

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615–25) II, pp. 39 and 45–56.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(c) S.I. 1950 No. 796, p. 444 above.