2. Pursuant to Article 4 (*c*) of the Food Standards (Edible Gelatine) Order, 1951(**a**), the Minister of Food hereby appoints the 1st day of February, 1952, as the date on which the said Order shall come into operation as respects sales by retail.

G. Lloyd-George,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 19th day of December, 1951.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order appoints 1st February, 1952, as the date on which the standard for edible gelatine prescribed in the Food Standards (Edible Gelatine) Order, 1951, takes effect in respect of sales by retail.

The Food Standards (Fish Paste) Order, 1951

1951 No. 1456

Made - - - -	*7th August,* 1951
Laid before Parliament	*8th August,* 1951
Coming into Operation	
As respects sales by manufacturers -	*7th September,* 1951
As respects sales by wholesale - -	*7th December,* 1951

The Minister of Food, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 2 of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943(**b**), as continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Continuance) Order, 1950(**c**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Food Standards (Fish Paste) Order, 1951, and shall be construed as one with the Food Standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944, as amended(**d**).

*(2) The standard prescribed by this Order shall apply only as respects sales by the manufacturer and sales by wholesale and shall come into operation—

(*a*) as respects sales by the manufacturer of fish paste, on the 7th day of September, 1951 ;

(*b*) as respects sales by wholesale, on the 7th day of December, 1951.

2. In this Order—

" Fish paste ", wherever that expression occurs, includes a reference to fish spread.

(a) S.I. 1951 No. 1196, p. 14 above.
(b) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1553) II, p. 70; and 1945 (No. 1454) II, p. 95.
(c) S.I. 1950 (No. 1770) III, p. 3.
(d) S.R. & O. 1944 (Nos. 42 and 654) II, pp. 505 and 508.
* Art. 1(2) revoked, *see* S.I. 1951 No. 2241, p. 18 below.

"Sale by retail" means any sale to a person buying otherwise than for the purpose of resale and includes a sale to a caterer for the purposes of his catering business, but does not include a sale to a manufacturer for the purposes of his manufacturing business.

"Sale by wholesale" means, in relation to fish paste, any sale other than a sale by the manufacturer thereof and other than a sale by retail.

3. Pursuant to Regulation 2 of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943, the Minister of Food hereby prescribes that the standard for fish paste shall be as specified in the Schedule to this Order.

4. Proceedings in England and Northern Ireland for an infringement of Article 1 of the Food Standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944, as amended, in respect of fish paste may be brought by a Food and Drugs Authority without the consent of the Minister of Food.

Dated the 7th day of August, 1951.

Maurice Webb,
Minister of Food.

THE SCHEDULE

Standard for Fish Paste

1. The standard for fish paste shall be as follows:—

Fish paste shall be a smooth readily spreadable product with a fish content, in the form of finely divided fish, of not less than 70 per cent.

2. For the purposes of the standard prescribed above—

"Fish" means the edible portion of fresh water fish and of fish found in the sea and includes shell fish.

"Fish content" means the percentage of the net weight of all fish when raw (after all waste has been eliminated) contained in any quantity of fish paste relative to the total weight of that quantity.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which should be read with the Food Standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944, as amended, prescribes with certain modifications the standard for fish paste formerly contained in the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948, as amended.

The principal changes are—

(*a*) the 5 per cent. tolerance allowed on the minimum fish content of 70 per cent. has been discontinued;

(*b*) the standard now applies to both imported and home produced fish paste;

(*c*) the standard applies to sales by manufacturers and sales by wholesale and comes into effect by stages;

(*d*) the standard applies to fish spread as well as to fish paste.