The Food Standards (Meat Paste) Order, 1951

1951 No. 1457

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(**a**), as continued in force by the Emergency Laws (Continuance) Order, 1950(**b**), 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 (Meat Paste) Order, 1951, and shall be construed as one with the Food Standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944, as amended(**c**).

*(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 meat 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—

" Meat paste ", wherever that expression occurs, includes a reference to meat spread.

" 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 meat paste, any sale other than a sale by the manufacturer thereof and other than a sale by retail.

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

(2) For the avoidance of doubt the standard above prescribed shall not apply to any extract usually known and called meat extract which is sold, offered or exposed for sale under such a description as to lead an intending purchaser to believe he is purchasing that kind of food.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1553) II, p. 70; and 1945 (No. 1454) II, p. 95.
(**b**) S.I. 1950 (No. 1770) III, p. 3.
(**c**) S. R. & O. 1944 (Nos. 42 and 654) II, pp. 505 and 508.

* Art. 1(2) revoked, *see* S.I. 1951 No. 2242, p. 22 below.

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 meat 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 Meat Paste

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

Meat paste shall be a smooth readily spreadable product with a meat content, in the form of finely divided meat, of not less than 55 per cent.

2. For the purposes of the standard prescribed above :—

" Meat " means bacon, ham, beef, mutton, lamb, veal, pork, edible offals, poultry, game, rabbit, hare, venison and goat's flesh.

" Meat content " means the percentage of the net weight of all meat when raw (after all waste has been eliminated) contained in any quantity of meat 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 meat 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 meat content of 55 per cent. is discontinued ;

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

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

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