The Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55, 55AA and 55AB 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. In this Order—

" The Minister " means the Minister of Food.

" The Ministry " means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

" Catering business " includes the business or undertaking of an inn, public house, hotel, restaurant, buffet, coffee stall or of any place of refreshment open to the public, or of any club, boarding house, refreshment contractor or canteen, and the expression " caterer " shall be construed accordingly.

" Meat " means any description or cut of beef, mutton, lamb, pork, veal, or edible offal specified in the Schedule to this Order.

" Kosher meat " means meat obtained from animals slaughtered in accordance with the Jewish practice of slaughter.

" Minced meat " means any meat which is minced ready for sale, but does not include any meat which, either before or after sale, has been minced by the seller at the request of the buyer.

" First quality ", as respects any meat, means meat derived from a carcase or part of a carcase labelled or marked on behalf of the Ministry with the letter " A ".

" Second quality ", as respects any meat, means meat derived from a carcase or part of a carcase labelled or marked on behalf of the Ministry with the letter " B ".

" Home-killed ", as respects any meat, means meat derived from livestock slaughtered in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Eire, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man.

" Imported ", as respects any meat, means meat imported into the United Kingdom, but does not include meat imported from Eire.

(**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.

"Sale by retail", means any sale other than to a person buying for the purpose of re-sale, and includes any sale to a person for the purposes of a catering business carried on by him.

"Suet" means natural unrendered suet whether lump, minced or shredded.

2. No person shall sell or offer or agree to sell or expose for sale, or buy or offer or agree to buy, by retail, any meat at a price exceeding the maximum price applicable in accordance with the Schedule to this Order:

Provided that in calculating the maximum price on a sale of meat by retail any fraction of a farthing shall be regarded as one farthing.

3. Where at the request of the buyer any meat is minced by the seller no additional charge shall be made by the seller for mincing.

4. The provisions of this Order shall not apply to the sale of any cooked meat.

5. No person shall sell or offer or agree to sell or expose for sale meat of any description or cut other than a description or cut specified in the Schedule to this Order.

6. Every person who sells meat by retail shall keep displayed at the place of sale in a conspicuous position and so as to be clearly readable by all customers throughout the whole time during which meat is being offered or exposed for sale a notice stating in plain words and figures the maximum prices of all such meat.

7.—(1) Every person who sells meat by retail shall keep or cause to be kept an accurate record of all purchases by him of meat, such record to include in respect of each purchase the quantity and description of meat purchased and the price paid.

(2) The retention by any person of an invoice or of a copy of an invoice shall, as respects the particulars mentioned in that document be sufficient compliance by that person with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article.

(3) Every person who is required by this Article to keep any record shall retain it for a period of one year from the date of the transaction to which it relates.

8. No person shall in connection with the sale or disposition or proposed sale or disposition of any meat enter or offer or agree to enter into any artificial transaction or make or demand any unreasonable charge.

9.—(1) The provisions of this Order are subject to any directions which may at any time be given by or on behalf of the Minister, and to any licence or authorisation which may be granted by or on behalf of the Minister under this Order(a).

(2) Every person holding a licence or authorisation granted under this Order shall comply with every condition imposed by such licence or authorisation.

10. Infringements of this Order are offences against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

(a) *See* S.I. 1949 No. 1657, p. 510 below.

11. The Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1943(a), is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

12. This Order shall apply only to Northern Ireland.

13. This Order shall come into force on the 24th day of April, 1949, and may be cited as the Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1949.

John Strachey,
Minister of Food.

THE SCHEDULE

PART I

BEEF

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices			
	1st Quality Home-killed		Imported and 2nd Quality Home-killed	
	Bone-in per lb.	Boneless per lb.	Bone-in per lb.	Boneless per lb.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Hindquarter, whole	1 6¼	—	1 3½	1 6¼
Forequarter, whole	1 4	—	1 1	1 3¼
*Topside and Silverside	—	2 0	—	1 8
*Thick Plate	1 6	1 8	1 4	1 6
*Sirloin and Wing Rib	2 0	2 2	1 8	1 10
*Thin Flank	1 0	1 2	10	1 0
Leg or Shin	1 4†	1 6*	10†	1 0*
*Rib Roast	2 0	2 2	1 8	1 10
Stewing Beef	1 6	1 8	1 2	1 4
Boiling Beef	1 0	1 2	11	1 1
Fillet and Chump Steak	—	2 8	—	2 4
	s. d.		s. d.	
Minced Meat	1 4		1 4	
Suet	1 4		1 4	
Fat Trimmings	1 0		1 0	
Bones	2		2	

* Whole or Cut † Centre Cuts

(a) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 641) II, p. 1339.

PART II
MUTTON AND LAMB

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices		
	1st Quality Home-killed Mutton and Lamb	Imported and 2nd Quality Home-killed Mutton	Imported Lamb
	per lb. s. d.	per lb. s. d.	per lb. s. d.
Carcase or Side, whole	1 9	1 2½	1 5¾
Hindquarter, whole	1 11½	1 4½	1 7¾
Forequarter, whole	1 6½	1 0½	1 3¾
*Leg (except leg chop)	2 0	1 5	1 9
*Loin (except loin chop)	2 0	1 5	1 9
Leg and loin chops (untrimmed)	2 4	1 8	2 0
*Shoulder (except shoulder chop)	2 0	1 5	1 9
*Neck	1 0	8	8
Best Shoulder Chops	2 2	1 7	1 11
*Flank	1 4	9	1 0
*Shank	1 4	9	9
*Breast	1 0	8	8
Minced Meat	1 4	1 4	1 4
Suet	1 4	1 4	1 4
Bones	2	2	2

* Whole or cut.

PART III
PORK

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices
	Home-killed and Imported per lb.
	s. d.
Carcase or side, whole	1 8½
Carcase or side, headless	1 10
*Leg (foot off) except leg chop	2 0
*Loin, or Spare Rib without blade bone (except chops)	2 0
*Hand (foot off)	1 8
*Neck end	1 8
*Shoulder, without hock	1 8
*Shoulder or Leg, boneless	2 4
*Blade bone	1 8
*Belly	1 8
Chops and Steaks	2 4
*Tenderloin	2 4
*Head (including tongue)	9
*Hocks	1 0
Minced Meat	1 4
Pork Ribs (bones) raw, pickled or cured	8
Fat Trimmings	1 4
Bones	2

* Whole or cut.

PART IV
VEAL

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices: Home-killed and Imported per lb.
	s. d.
Carcase or side, whole	1 5½
Hindquarter, whole	1 8
Forequarter, whole	1 3
*Leg, with knuckle	1 8
*Leg, without knuckle	1 10
Leg, cut fillet, boneless	2 2
Loin, whole	1 8
*Loin, best end	1 10
*Loin, chump	1 6
*Shoulder, with knuckle	1 6
*Shoulder, without knuckle	1 8
*Neck, best end	1 10
*Neck, middle	1 4
*Scrag, Breast and Knuckles	1 0
Boneless Cuts, other than leg fillets	1 10
Minced Meat	1 4
Bones	2

* Whole or cut.

PART V
EDIBLE OFFAL

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices: Home-killed and Imported per lb.
	s. d.
Liver—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	2 2
Liver—Pigs	1 6
Liver—Ox	1 6
Hearts—Calves, Sheep, Lamb and Pigs	1 8
Hearts—Ox	1 0
Tongue—Ox and Calves	1 6
Tongue—Sheep, Lambs and Pigs	1 6
Kidneys—Sheep, Lambs and Calves	2 4
Kidneys—Ox and Pigs	1 10
Brains	10
Sweetbreads—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	2 4
Sweetbreads—Ox	1 6
Fries (Skinned)—Sheep and Lambs	2 0
Head—Ox (excluding tongue and brain)	5
Head—Sheep and Lambs (including tongue and brain)	3½
Head—Calves (scalded, including tongue and brain)	1 0
Feet—Calves (scalded)	6
Feet—Pigs	10
Tail—Ox and Calves	1 6
Skirt—Ox (thick and thin)	1 6
Melt and Lites	4
Tripe (dressed ready for cooking)	10½
Pigs fry (liver and fat)	1 4
Ox-cheek (boneless)	1 2

PART VI

KOSHER MEAT

A.—Kosher Meat other than Edible Offal

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices	
	1st Quality Home-killed	2nd Quality Home-killed
	per lb.	per lb.
	s. d.	s. d.
Beef		
*Wing Rib	2 0	1 7
*Wing Rib (boneless)	2 3	1 10
*Back Rib (boneless)	2 0	1 8
*Top Rib (boneless)	2 0	1 8
*Prime and Side Bolas (boneless)	2 4	1 10
Chuck and Shoulder Steak	1 10	1 8
*Clod and Sticking (boneless)	1 6	1 2
*Flank	1 2	1 0
*Flank (boneless)	1 4	1 2
*Brisket	1 2	1 0
*Brisket (boneless)	1 4	1 2
*Shin (boneless)	1 6	11
Bones	2	2
Fat Trimmings	1 0	1 0
Veal		
Forequarter (whole)	1 4	
*Knuckle	1 2	
*Shoulder (with bone)	1 6	
Veal Cutlets (boneless)	2 4	
*Breast	1 4	
Chops	2 2	
*Scrag	1 2	
Bones	2	
Lamb and Mutton		
Forequarter (whole)	1 8	1 1½
*Shoulder	2 0	1 4
*Breast	1 0	10
Chops	2 6	1 8
*Scrag	1 4	1 0
Bones	2	2
Minced Meat	1 4	1 4

* Whole or cut.

A charge at the rate of 1½d. per lb. may be added to the above prices in respect of Shechita Fees. This does not apply to Bones sold at 2d. per lb.

No additional charge may be made for salting or pickling meat.

Where any meat is invoiced to the buyer, the sum added to the price in respect of Shechita Fees shall be separately stated.

The maximum amount by value of any description or cut of Kosher meat specified above which may be obtained per person per week for household consumption for the purposes of the Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948(a), or any Directions given thereunder, shall be computed by reference to the maximum retail price without the addition in respect of Shechita Fees.

(a) S.R. & O. 1948 (No. 1631) II, p. 427.

B.—Kosher Edible Offal

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices per lb.
	s. d.
Liver—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	2 2
Liver—Ox	1 6
Hearts—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	1 8
Hearts—Ox	1 0
Tongues—Ox, Calves, Sheep and Lambs	1 6
Kidneys—Sheep, Lambs and Calves	2 4
Kidneys—Ox	1 10
Brains	10
Sweetbreads—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	2 4
Sweetbreads—Ox	1 6
Fries—Sheep and Lambs (Skinned)	2 0
Head—Ox (excluding tongue and brain)	5
Head—Sheep and Lambs (including tongue and brain but excluding skin and eyes)	3½
Head—Calves (scalded) including tongue and brain	1 0
Feet—Calves (scalded)	5
Feet—Ox (Scalded)	10
Tail—Ox and Calves	1 6
Skirt—Ox (thick and thin)	1 6
Melt and Lites	4
Tripe (dressed ready for cooking)	10½
Ox Cheek (boneless)	1 0
Ox Rolls	10

A charge at the rate of 1½d. per lb. may be added to the above prices in respect of Shechita Fees.

Where any edible offal is invoiced to the buyer the sum added to the prices in respect of Shechita Fees shall be separately stated.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order replaces the Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1943, and increases the maximum retail prices of meat and edible offals. The increase varies with the description or cut, but on the average amounts to 4d. per lb.