19. MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND CANNED MEAT

(A) *Meat.* | (B) *Meat Products and Canned Meat*, p. 511.

(A) MEAT

The Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1949

1949 No. 778

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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.

"Buy" includes offer or agree to buy, and "sell" includes offer or agree to sell or expose for sale.

"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 Minister 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 Minister 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 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. Where pursuant to section 5, sub-section (2) of the Sale of Food (Weights and Measures) Act, 1926(**a**), a person delivers or causes to be delivered to a purchaser of butchers' meat as defined by that Act a statement of the net weight on which the purchase is based, or where a person delivers or causes to be delivered to a purchaser of meat as defined by this Order such a statement, that statement shall also specify the price per lb. of the meat sold.

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

6. No person shall sell meat of any description or cut other than a description or cut specified in the Schedule to this Order.

7. 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.

8.—(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, that 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 any invoice or of a copy of an invoice shall, as respects the particulars mentioned in that document, be a 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 one year from the date of the transaction to which it relates.

9. 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.

10.—(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(**b**).

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

(**a**) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 63. (**b**) *See* S.I. 1949 No. 1657, p. 510 below.

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

12. The Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1942, as amended(a), is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

13. This Order shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

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

John Strachey,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 14th day of April, 1949.

THE SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF MEAT

PART I

BEEF SOLD IN ENGLAND OR WALES

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices			
	1st Quality Home-killed		Imported and 2nd Quality Home-killed	
	Bone in per lb. s. d.	Boneless per lb. s. d.	Bone in per lb. s. d.	Boneless per lb. s. d.
Hindquarter, whole	1 6½	—	1 3½	1 6½
Forequarter, whole	1 4	—	1 1	1 3½
Rump Steak and Fillet Steak ...	—	2 8	—	2 4
*Topside, Silverside and Thick Flank	—	2 2	—	1 10
Shoulder or Chuck Steak	—	1 10	—	1 6
Rump with Fillet, whole	1 8	2 0	1 6	1 10
*Sirloin and Wing Rib	2 0	2 2	1 8	1 10
First 4 Ribs of Forequarter ...	1 8	1 10	1 4	1 6
*Top Ribs, Back Ribs and Shoulder Piece without blade bone ...	1 6	1 8	1 4	1 6
*Brisket, Flat Ribs and Forequarter Flank	1 0	1 4	9	1 1
*Thin or Hindquarter Flank ...	1 0	1 2	9	11
*Leg, Shin, Neck or Clod Sticking	—	1 6	—	1 2
Minced Meat	1 4	1 4	1 4	1 4
Fat Trimmings	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Suet	1 4	1 4	1 4	1 4
Bones	2	2	2	2

* Whole or Cut.

(a) S.R. & O. 1942 (No. 2460) II, p. 1441 ; 1943 (Nos. 327 and 956) II, pp. 1337, 1339 and 1945 (No. 578) II, p. 868.

PART II

MUTTON AND LAMB SOLD IN ENGLAND OR WALES

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 (bone in)	2 0	1 5	1 9
* „ (boneless)	2 4	1 8	2 0
*Loin, and Best End	2 0	1 5	1 9
Loin, Chump and Leg Chop (untrimmed)	2 4	1 8	2 0
*Shoulder (bone in)	2 0	1 5	1 9
* „ (boneless)	2 4	1 8	2 0
Neck, whole (six bones)	1 6	11	1 3
* „ best end	2 0	1 5	1 9
* „ middle	1 4	10	11
*Scrag and Breast	1 0	8	8
Minced Meat	1 4	—	—
Suet	1 4	—	—
Bones	2	—	—
Fat Trimmings	1 0	—	—

* Whole or Cut.

PART III

PORK SOLD IN ENGLAND OR WALES

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices
	Home-killed and Imported
	per lb. s. d.
Carcase or Side, whole	1 8½
„ „ „ headless	1 10
*Leg (foot off)	2 0
*Loin, or Spare Rib without blade bone	2 0
*Hand (foot off)	1 8
*Neck end	1 8
*Shoulder	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
Bones	2
Fat Trimmings	1 4

* Whole or Cut.

PART IV
BEEF SOLD IN SCOTLAND

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices			
	1st Quality Home-killed		Imported and 2nd Quality Home-killed	
	Bone in per lb. s. d.	Boneless per lb. s. d.	Bone in per lb. s. d.	Boneless per lb. s. d.
Hindquarter, whole	1 6¼	—	1 3½	1 6¼
Forequarter, whole	1 4	—	1 1	1 3¼
Pope's-eye, Heuk Bone and Fillet Steak	—	2 8	—	2 4
*Round or Buttock and Thick Flank	—	2 0	—	1 8
*Shoulder and Clod	—	1 10	—	1 8
*Sirloin, and Wing Rib Roast / Foresye and Spare Rib Roast	2 0	2 2	1 8	1 10
*Thick Runner	—	1 8	—	1 6
*Briskets	1 0	1 4	8	1 0
Boiling Cuts	1 4	1 6	1 0	1 2
*Hough, Shin and Neck	1 0	1 6	10	1 2
Minced Meat	1 4	—	—	—
Fat Trimmings	1 0	—	—	—
Suet	1 4	—	—	—
Bones	2	—	—	—

* Whole or Cut.

PART V
MUTTON AND LAMB SOLD IN SCOTLAND

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 Chop (untrimmed)	2 4	1 8	2 0
*Shoulder	2 0	1 5	1 9
* ,, boneless	2 4	1 8	2 0
*Flank	1 2	10	1 0
*Neck and Shank	1 0	8	8
Minced Meat	1 4	1 4	1 4
Fat Trimmings	1 0	1 0	1 0
Suet	1 4	1 4	1 4
Bones	2	2	2

* Whole or Cut.

Part VI

Pork sold in Scotland

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, except Loin Chop	2 0
Leg and Loin Chop	2 4
*Tenderloin	2 6
*Shoulder	1 8
* ,, and Leg, boneless	2 4
*Belly or Flank	1 8
*Head, including tongue	9
*Hough	10
Minced Meat	1 4
Pork Ribs (bones) raw, pickled or cured	8
Fat Trimmings	1 4
Bones	2

* Whole or Cut.

Part VII

Veal sold at any place in Great Britain

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
* ,, without knuckle	1 10
,, cut fillet, boneless	2 2
Loin, whole	1 8
* ,, best end	1 10
* ,, chump	1 6
*Shoulder, with knuckle	1 6
* ,, without knuckle	1 8
*Neck, best end	1 10
* ,, 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 VIII

EDIBLE OFFAL SOLD AT ANY PLACE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Description or Cut	Maximum Retail Prices Home-killed and Imported per lb. s. d.
Liver—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	2 2
„ Pigs	1 6
„ Ox	1 6
Hearts—Calves, Sheep, Lamb and Pigs	1 8
„ Ox	1 0
Tongue—Ox and Calves	1 6
„ Sheep, Lambs and Pigs	1 6
Kidneys—Sheep, Lambs and Calves	2 4
„ Ox and Pigs	1 10
Brains	10
Sweetbreads—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	2 4
„ Ox	1 6
Fries (skinned)—Sheep and Lambs	2 0
Head—Ox (excluding tongue and brain)	5
„ —Sheep and Lambs (including tongue and brain)	3½
Head—Calves (scalded) (including tongue and brain)	1 0
Feet—Calves (scalded)	6
„ 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 IX

KOSHER MEAT SOLD AT ANY PLACE IN GREAT BRITAIN

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.
BEEF:	s. d.	s. d.
*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.I. 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
„ Ox	1 6
Hearts—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	1 8
„ Ox	1 0
Tongues—Ox, Calves, Sheep and Lambs	1 6
Kidneys—Sheep, Lambs and Calves	2 4
„ Ox	1 10
Brains	10
Sweetbreads—Calves, Sheep and Lambs	2 4
„ 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
„ 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 price 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) Order, 1942, 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.