EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. This Order—

(*a*) re-enacts the provisions of the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1952, as amended (which is revoked by the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1953), with alterations necessary to provide for the use of the new ration documents valid in respect of the rationing year beginning 17th May, 1953.

(*b*) increases from 17th May, 1953, the amount of the meat ration which may be obtained against appropriate coupons in a Ration Book R.B.1 and Form R.B.12 from 1s. 9d. to 2s. maximum retail price. The value of appropriate coupons in a Child's Ration Book R.B.2, Ration Book R.B.7 and Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A is increased from 10½d. to 1s. Coupons for the week beginning 10th May, 1953, but not used in that week remain valid, if used in the week beginning 17th May, 1953, for the maximum retail price applicable in relation thereto immediately prior to this Order coming into operation.

(*c*) removes canned corned meat from the rationing scheme.

2. This Order is to be construed as one with the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1953. By virtue of the latter Order—

(*a*) the meat coupons numbered 52 in the old General Ration Book R.B.1 and Child's Ration Book R.B.2 are valid for use in the first week of the new rationing year.

(*b*) any meat coupon in a Weekly Seaman's old Ration Book R.B.6 is valid during the first four weeks of the new rationing year provided the counterfoil is signed in the usual way.

1953 No. 1729

The Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*27th November,* 1953
Laid before Parliament	*28th November,* 1953
Coming into Operation	*29th November,* 1953

The Minister of Food, in pursuance 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 the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(**c**), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1952(**d**)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 29th day of November, 1953, and may be cited as the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1953.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945/1618; 1945 II, p. 48.
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(**c**) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(**d**) S.I. 1952/2094; 1952 III, p. 3006.

2. The Meat (Rationing) Order, 1953(**a**) as amended(**b**), shall be further amended as follows:—

(*a*) by deleting from the Order Article 6 thereof;

(*b*) by substituting for paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule thereto (which specifies the amount of the meat ration) the following paragraphs:—

"1. Amount against the appropriate coupons relating to each week in a—

General Ration Book R.B.1 Form R.B.12	2*s.* 2*d.* maximum price (1*s.* 1*d.* maximum retail price for each coupon).

2. Amount against each appropriate coupon in a—

Child's Ration Book R.B.2 Ration Book R.B.7 ... ... Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A	1*s.* 1*d.* maximum retail price."

3. For the avoidance of doubt, the maximum quantity of meat which may be obtained or supplied against an appropriate coupon for meat in any of the ration documents mentioned in sub-paragraph (*b*) of Article 2 of this Order relating to the week beginning 22nd November, 1953, and valid for use during the said week and the following week, but not used during the said week beginning 22nd November, 1953, shall be the maximum retail price applicable in relation thereto immediately prior to the coming into operation of this Order.

4. The Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1953(**c**), and the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1953(**d**), are hereby revoked, but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention of the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1953, as amended thereby.

G. Lloyd-George,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 27th day of November, 1953.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amending Order reduces, from 29th November, 1953, the amount of the meat ration which may be obtained against appropriate coupons in a Ration Book R.B.1 and Form R.B.12 from 2s. 4d. to 2s. 2d. maximum retail price. The value of the appropriate coupons in a Child's Ration Book R.B.2, Ration Book R.B.7 and Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A is reduced from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 1d.

Coupons for the week beginning 22nd November, 1953, but not used in that week remain valid, if used in the week beginning 29th November, 1953, for the maximum retail price applicable in relation thereto immediately prior to this Order coming into operation.

Consequent upon the reduction of the ration the Order also revokes the provisions permitting ration free sales of meat.

(**a**) S.I. 1953/795, p. 2045 above.
(**b**) S.I. 1953/914. 1247.
(**c**) S.I. 1953/914.
(**d**) S.I. 1953/1247.