# The Meat (Rationing) Order, 1951

## 1951 No. 857

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| *Made* - - - - | 15*th May*, 1951 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | 16*th May*, 1951 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 20*th May*, 1951 |

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 continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1950(**c**)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

**1.** In this Order—

"Appropriate coupon" means a coupon in any ration document being either—

(*a*) a coupon which forms part of a row or section of coupons against which the word "Meat" appears; or

(*b*) a coupon upon which the word "Meat" is marked; or

(*c*) a coupon in a form R.G.44.

"Meat" means beef, mutton, lamb, veal and pork, whether fresh, chilled, frozen or salted, canned corned beef, canned corned pork, canned corned mutton and rationed edible offals, and includes the bones and fat of any such meat when sold in the ordinary course of business as part thereof, but, save as aforesaid, does not include edible offals, canned meat or canned meat products, cooked meat, galantines, meat pastes, brawn, jellied veal or sausages, or any kinds or varieties of manufactured meat products, including meat pies, meat pasties and meat puddings.

"Rationed edible offals" means ox skirts (thick or thin) and kidney in the loin when it is attached thereto.

"The Principal Order" means the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1951(**d**).

**2.** Meat is hereby declared to be a rationed food for the purposes of the Principal Order.

**3.** Article 2 of the Principal Order shall apply in respect of the obtaining by or the supply to any trader of meat, except where the meat is supplied to such trader (or to a Retailers' Buying Committee of which he is a member) by a duly authorised agent of the Minister.

**4.**—(1) The maximum quantity of meat (hereinafter referred to as "the meat ration") which may be obtained or supplied for household consumption against any appropriate coupon shall be an amount calculated by weight or by value ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order.

(2) Any reference in the said Schedule to the maximum retail price shall be deemed to be a reference to the maximum retail price applicable under the relevant Order of the Minister for the time being in force, and any indication in a ration document of a quantity of meat by reference to its value shall, unless otherwise expressly stated, be deemed to be a reference to the value thereof at such maximum retail price.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615–25) II, pp. 39 and 45–56.
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (**c**) S.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.
(**d**) S.I. 1951 No. 854, p. 60 above.

**5.**—(1) An appropriate coupon numbered 1 in any ration document shall relate to the week beginning on the 20th day of May, 1951, and the coupons successively numbered in such ration document shall relate to the weeks thereafter in corresponding order. Any reference to any week so numbered in any ration document (other than a ration document relating to a period the whole or any part of which occurred prior to the coming into force of this Order) shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Any appropriate coupon in a General Ration Book R.B.1, Child's Ration Book R.B.2, Ration Book R.B.7 or form R.G.44 shall be valid only during the week to which it relates and during the following week.

(3) Any appropriate coupon in a form R.B.12 shall be valid only during the period specified on the form (or, in the case of a double form, on that half of the form of which the coupon forms part).

(4) Any appropriate coupon in a Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A shall be valid at any time prior to the expiration of seven days from the date marked on the card or, where more than one date is so marked, from the latest of such dates.

(5) Any appropriate coupon in a Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6 relating to any week shall be valid at any time, provided that the counterfoil in respect of that week shall have been duly signed and completed by the master or owner of the vessel upon which the holder is employed.

**6.**—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 20th day of May, 1951.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1951, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

*Maurice Webb,*
Minister of Food.

Dated the 15th day of May, 1951.

THE SCHEDULE

[New Schedule substituted by S.I. 1951 No. 1854, *see* p. 96 below.]

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order re-enacts the provisions of the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1950, as amended, with the alterations necessary to provide for the use of the new ration documents valid in respect of the rationing year commencing on 20th May, 1951.

The Order also provides that kidney in the loin when it is attached thereto is rationed offal and in those circumstances part of the meat ration.

This Order is to be construed as one with the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1951. By virtue of the latter Order—

(*a*) the meat coupons numbered 52 in the old General Ration Book R.B.1, Junior Ration Book R.B.4 and Child's Ration Book R.B.2 are valid for use during 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.