THE SCHEDULE

AMOUNT OF THE RATION

Description of Rationed Food	Amount against each appropriate coupon (if any) in—			
	General Ration Book R.B.1 Child's Ration Book R.B.2	Form R.B.12	Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A	Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6
Cheese ...	**3 oz.**	**3 oz.** except in the case of a form endorsed by the Issuing Officer— (*a*) with the letter "S" when the ration shall be 12 oz. (*b*) with the letters "SS" when the ration shall be 24 oz.	**1½ oz.** except in the case of a card endorsed by the Issuing Officer— (*a*) with the letter "S" when the ration shall be 6 oz. (*b*) with the letters "SS" when the ration shall be 12 oz.	4 oz.

NOTE:—Heavy type indicates changes made by this Order.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amending Order, which comes into force on 29th November, 1953, increases the amount of cheese obtainable against appropriate coupons in—

(*a*) a General Ration Book R.B.1, a Child's Ration Book R.B.2 and a Temporary Ration Card R.B.12 from 2 oz. to 3 oz.;

(*b*) a Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A from 1 oz. to 1½ oz.

1953 No. 795

The Meat (Rationing) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*9th May,* 1953
Laid before Parliament	*11th May,* 1953
Coming into Operation	*17th May,* 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.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 17th day of May, 1953, may be cited as the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1953, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

(**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) 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, 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; and "edible offals" means livers, hearts, tongues, kidneys, brains, sweetbreads, fries, heads, feet, tails, tripe, melt, lites, ox cheek and ox skirt.

"The Principal Order" means the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1953(a).

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:

Provided that the meat ration which may be obtained or supplied against an appropriate coupon for meat in any of the ration documents mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule to this Order relating to the week beginning 10th May, 1953, and valid for use during that week and the following week, but not used during the said week beginning 10th May, 1953, shall be the maximum retail price applicable in relation thereto immediately prior to the coming into operation of 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.

5.—(1) An appropriate coupon numbered 1 in any ration document shall relate to the week beginning on the 17th day of May, 1953, and the coupons successively numbered in such ration document shall relate to the weeks

(a) S.I. 1953/792, p. 2015 above.

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.

By Order of the Minister of Food.

Charles Hill,
Parliamentary Secretary.

Dated the 9th day of May, 1953.

THE SCHEDULE

Amount of the Meat Ration

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

General Ration Book R.B.1 ... ... Form R.B.12	2s. 0d. maximum price (1s. 0d. 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...	1s. 0d. maximum retail price.

3. Amount against the appropriate coupons in a Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6—

(*a*) being coupons through which a hole has been punched	40 ozs. net (20 ozs. net for each coupon).
(*b*) not being coupons through which a hole has been punched	75 ozs. net (37½ ozs. net for each coupon).

4. Amount against an appropriate coupon on a form R.G.44 ... ... — 2s. 0d. maximum retail price.

5. Where a Form R.G.48 relating to meat is produced with a ration document the amount obtainable during the period of validity of such form against the appropriate coupon(s) relating to each week shall be increased as specified on that form

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.