1957 No. 1373

The Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Provisions) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	31*st July*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	7*th August*, 1957
Coming into Operation	7*th October*, 1957

At the Court at Goodwood House, the 31st day of July, 1957

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by subsection (4) of section 25 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906(a), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Provisions) Order, 1957, and shall come into operation on the seventh day of October, 1957.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Provisions) Order, 1945(c), and the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Provisions) (Amendment) Order, 1946(d) are hereby revoked.

3. The provisions of the First Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, shall be varied and added to so as to have effect as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

THE SCHEDULE

Scale of Provisions

Article	*Allowance per week*
Water	28 quarts
Soft Bread	7 lb.
Smoked Ham or Bacon	12 oz.
Fresh Meat—See Note 1 below	7 lb. 4 oz.
Fresh Fish ... ... Eggs ... ... } See Note 1 below and paragraphs 5 and 6 of Conditions and Exceptions.	
Potatoes	7 lb.
Peas, Split or Lentils	¼ lb.
Green Peas, Haricot Beans, Butter Beans or Dried or Compressed Vegetables	1¼ lb.
Flour	1 lb.
Rice	6 oz.
Oatmeal, Rolled Oats or breakfast cereals...	6 oz.

(a) 6 Edw. 7. c. 48. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.R. & O. 1945/1540 (Rev. XIV, p. 128: 1945 I, p. 791).
(d) S.R. & O 1946/891 (Rev. XIV, p. 128: 1946 I, p. 994).

SCALE OF PROVISIONS (*contd.*)

Article	*Allowance per week*
Tea	4½ oz.
Coffee (containing not more than 25% Chicory)	2 oz.
or	
Cocoa (or chocolate)	3 oz.
Sugar	1½ lb.
Milk — Condensed	14 oz.
or	
Milk — Dried	6 oz.
or	
Milk — Homogenised	1¼ pts.
Butter	10½ oz.
Suet	2 oz.
Cooking Fat or Oil (other than Suet) or Margarine	4 oz.
Marmalade, Jam or Syrup	8 oz.
Cheese	5 oz.
Pickles	3 oz.
Bottled Sauces	2 oz.
Onions	8 oz.
Dried Fruit	3 oz.
Tinned or Frozen Fruit or Fresh Fruit (see Paragraph 11, Conditions and Exceptions)	6 oz.
Fine Salt	2 oz.
Mustard	¼ oz.
Pepper	¼ oz.
Curry Powder	¼ oz.

Note 1. The maximum amount which can be deducted from the weekly ration of fresh meat in respect of equivalents is 2 lb. 2 oz. See paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the following Conditions and Exceptions.

Note 2. The amounts of sugar, milk and butter shown in the above Scale are exclusive of the amounts used in the preparation of meals, but there is no entitlement under the above scale for such use to additional quantities of margarine, suet, cooking fat, oil or cheese.

CONDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS IN APPLYING SCALE

1. *General.* The issue of the provisions referred to in the above scale shall be reasonably distributed throughout the week ; and in the case of water, soft bread, meat and potatoes the issue shall be approximately equal each day.

2. *Bread.* The issue of soft bread under the scale shall not be required:—

(*a*) in a ship of less than 1,000 tons gross registered tonnage ; or

(*b*) if rough weather or illness, or absence of cook, or force majeure renders the baking of bread impracticable ;

but where soft bread is not issued, an equivalent amount of biscuit stored in sealed tins shall be issued instead.

3. *Smoked Ham or Bacon.* If smoked ham or bacon are not procurable at reasonable cost, kippers, tinned salmon, herrings, pilchards or sardines shall be substituted in the proportion of 1½ lb. of kippers or tinned fish to 1 lb. of smoked ham or bacon.

4. *Meat.* The term "Meat" includes "Pork". The weight of fresh meat is the weight, including fat, and bone, before preparation for cooking.

When fresh meat is not available, salt or preserved meat may be substituted in the proportion of ⅔ lb. of salt meat or ½ lb. of preserved meat for 1 lb. of fresh meat.

Fresh offal and fresh sausage count as the equivalent of fresh meat. Other sausage counts as preserved meat.

Poultry may be issued and count, up to a maximum of 1 lb. per week, as the equivalent of fresh meat in the proportion of 1 lb. of poultry to 12 oz. of fresh meat. The weight of poultry is the weight before preparation for cooking.

Note. In ships with no refrigerator it is undesirable that reliance should be placed on fresh meat keeping in good condition for more than 15 days from the date on which it is taken on board.

5. *Fish.* The weight of fresh fish is the gross weight before preparation for cooking.

Fresh fish up to an amount not exceeding 1½ lb. per week may be substituted for fresh meat and shall be regarded as equivalent to two-thirds of its weight of fresh meat.

In any week in which less than 8 oz. of fresh fish is issued there shall be issued fish of a fatty type, such as kippers or tinned salmon, herrings, pilchards or sardines, the weight of which shall be one half the amount by which the fresh fish issued is less than 8 oz. Tinned salmon, herrings, pilchards or sardines may be substituted for fresh fish in the proportion of 1 oz. of tinned fish to 2 oz. of fresh fish.

6. *Eggs.* Not less than four eggs, fresh or preserved in shell, shall be issued during the first fortnight of any voyage starting from a port within home trade limits and two eggs for each week thereafter should be issued, if obtainable at a reasonable price, and, if there are facilities for keeping them. Additional eggs may be issued and each additional egg up to a maximum of four per week shall be regarded as the equivalent of 1½ oz. of fresh meat under the scale. Kippers, tinned salmon, herrings, pilchards or sardines may be taken as equivalent to eggs in the proportion of 9 oz. of kippers or tinned fish to 8 eggs.

7. *Potatoes.* Fresh potatoes (when procurable in a sound condition) must be issued for at least the first eight weeks of the voyage in the case of every ship leaving a port within the home trade limits at any time between the last day of September and the first day of May, and at any other time when they can be procured at a reasonable cost.

When fresh potatoes are not so issued, an equal amount of rice, yams, sweet potatoes, or vegetables preserved in tins, or an equivalent amount of dried or compressed potatoes or dried or compressed vegetables in the proportion of 1 lb. to 6 lb. of fresh potatoes, or fresh bread in the proportion of 1 lb. of bread to 1 lb. of fresh potatoes, must be issued in their place.

8. *Dried Milk.* Dried milk may only be issued in lieu of condensed milk where the conditions on board are such as enable it to be kept in good condition, in a cool dry place, for the period during which it may be required.

9. *Vegetables.* Fresh vegetables including salads shall be supplied as often as possible when they can be procured at a reasonable cost and are not likely to be injurious to health.

On each day when ½ lb. of fresh vegetables (or vegetables preserved in tins) is supplied, these are to be regarded for purposes of the scale as equivalent to one day's supply of dried or compressed vegetables and of green peas, haricot or butter beans.

Frozen vegetables may be issued and count as the equivalent of fresh vegetables in the proportion of 5 oz. of frozen vegetables to 8 oz. of fresh vegetables.

10. *Dried Fruits.* Dried fruits issued under the above scale must be raisins, sultanas, currants, figs, prunes, apples, pears, peaches, apricots or dates.

11. *Fresh Fruit* should not be supplied if it is likely to be injurious to health.

12. *Onions.* The onions to be issued under the above scale must be fresh, store or dried onions when in season; and when fresh, store or dried onions are not in season, an equal amount of onions or other vegetables preserved in tins, or an equivalent amount of dried or compressed onions or other vegetables in the proportion of 1 oz. to ½ lb. of fresh onions must be issued.

13. The stokehold hands are to receive sufficient oatmeal and one quart of water extra daily while under steam.

Note. In any case where tinned provisions are issued, the weight thereof shall be calculated exclusive of the container.

SUBSTITUTES AND EQUIVALENTS—

NOT TO BE USED WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE.

Salt Meat	⅔ lb.	To be considered equal to 1 lb. Fresh Meat.
Preserved Meat	½ lb.	
Coffee	1 oz.	To be considered equal.
Cocoa or Chocolate	1½ oz.	
Tea	½ oz.	
Flour	1 lb.	To be considered equal.
Biscuit	1 lb.	
Rice	1 lb.	
Oatmeal, Rolled Oats or breakfast cereals	1 lb.	
Split Peas	½ lb.	To be considered equal when issued with meat rations.
Flour	¾ lb.	
Green Peas, Haricot or Butter Beans	½ lb.	
Rice	¾ lb.	
Marmalade	1 lb.	To be considered equal.
Jam	1 lb.	
Syrup	1 lb.	
Butter	½ lb.	
Cheese	½ lb.	
Condensed Milk	9⅓ oz.	To be considered equal.
Dried Milk	4 oz.	
Mustard		To be considered equal.
Curry Powder		

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Provisions) Order, 1945, and the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Provisions) (Amendment) Order, 1946, and makes new variations in and additions to the First Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906. This Schedule contains the scale of provisions to be furnished to such members of the crew of ships for which an agreement with the crew is required under the Merchant Shipping Acts as do not furnish their own provisions.