2. The Milk (Great Britain) Order, 1953(a), shall be amended by substituting for the maximum price table in Part I of the Second Schedule thereto the table set forth in the Schedule to this Order.

G. Lloyd-George,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 28th day of September, 1953.

THE SCHEDULE

Milk	Maximum Price (Rate per Gallon)	
	From 1st October, 1953, to 31st October, 1953 (inclusive)	On and after 1st November, 1953
	s. d.	s. d.
Channel Islands milk and Channel Islands Tuberculin Tested milk	4 1¾	3 9¾
South Devon milk and South Devon Tuberculin Tested milk	4 1¾	3 9¾
Other Tuberculin Tested milk	3 9¼	3 5¼
Homogenised milk	3 8¼	3 4¼
Kosher milk	3 11¼	3 7¼
Ordinary milk	3 7¼	3 3¼

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amending Order, from 1st October, 1953, reduces by ¼d. per gallon the maximum prices of milk in England and Wales on sale by wholesale.

1953 No. 727

The Milk (Northern Ireland) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*28th April,* 1953
Laid before Parliament	*29th April,* 1953
Coming into Operation	*1st May,* 1953

The Minister of Food, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55 and 55AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(b) (as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes)

(a) S.I. 1953/726, p. 2129 above.
(b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945/1611, 1618; 1945 II, pp. 39, 48.

Act, 1947(a) and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(b), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1952(c)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

PART I—COMMENCEMENT, CITATION, EXTENT AND INTERPRETATION

Commencement and Citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1953, and may be cited as the Milk (Northern Ireland) Order, 1953.

Extent

2. This Order shall apply only to Northern Ireland.

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

" The Minister " means the Minister of Food.

" The Ministry " means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

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

" Catering business " means the business or undertaking of an inn, public house, hotel, restaurant, buffet, coffee stall or 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.

" Grade A (T.T.) milk " and " Pasteurised milk " have the meaning respectively assigned to them under Section 1 of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland), 1950(d).

" Milk " means liquid cow's milk but does not include skimmed milk, separated milk, condensed milk or evaporated milk.

" Milk crate " means a container of a description which is commonly known in the milk trade as a milk crate, and is commonly used in that trade as a receptacle for milk bottles.

" Ministry churn " means any churn belonging to the Minister or to the Ministry and marked " FC ", " F—C ", " Ministry of Food " or " Ministry of Agriculture NI 1948 ".

" Sale by retail " means any sale to a person buying otherwise than for the purpose of resale and includes any sale to a person for the purposes of his catering business, any sale to a manufacturer for the purposes of his manufacturing business and any supply of milk to a beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of the Welfare Foods Order, 1953(e), whether free of cost or at a reduced price; and the expression " retailer " shall be construed accordingly.

PART II—CONTROL OF PRODUCTION AND SALE OF MILK

Acquisition of milk supplies by the Ministry

4.—(1) Every person who produces milk in Northern Ireland is hereby required to place all milk produced by him at the disposal of the Ministry and to deliver the same to the Ministry or to its order.

(2) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to milk produced otherwise than for sale or produced for the purpose of sale by a farmer to his servants or to milk which is not in good merchantable condition.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (b) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(c) S.I. 1952/2094; 1952 III, p. 3006. (d) N.I., 1950, c. 31.
(e) S.I. 1953/725, p. 2197 below.

(3) If any question arises as to whether any milk is in good merchantable condition that question shall be decided by the Ministry whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

PART III—MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES

Maximum price restriction

5.—(1) No person shall sell or buy milk by retail at a price exceeding the maximum price specified in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) No person shall in connection with the sale or disposition or proposed sale or disposition of any milk by retail enter or offer to enter into any artificial transaction or make or demand any unreasonable charge.

PART IV—CONTROL OF USE OF MILK CHURNS AND MILK CRATES

Use and possession of milk churns and crates

6. No person shall—

(*a*) use or cause or permit to be used any milk churn or milk crate belonging to any other person except for the collection from or the delivery to the owner of the churn or crate of milk, skimmed milk, separated milk, whey, buttermilk or cream;

(*b*) keep in his possession or under his control for an unreasonable time any milk churn or milk crate belonging to any other person;

(*c*) obliterate, deface, cover or alter or cause or permit to be obliterated, defaced, covered or altered, any mark or name on any milk churn or milk crate, provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall prohibit the use of such means, whether by labelling or otherwise, as are necessary to secure the proper transit of the milk churn or milk crate but so that no name or mark of a permanent character on the churn is thereby obscured, unless he has (or has reasonable grounds for believing that he has) the consent of the owner of the milk churn or milk crate or of any person authorised by him to give such consent.

Return of Ministry churns

7. Where a person has in his possession, whether on his own behalf or on behalf of some other person, any Ministry churn he shall, if so instructed by or on behalf of the Ministry, immediately on receipt of such instructions, send or deliver the churn to any person or place specified in the instructions.

Damage to milk churns or crates

8. No person shall wilfully damage any milk churn or milk crate or cause or permit to be wilfully damaged any milk churn or milk crate in his possession or control.

PART V—MISCELLANEOUS

Exemption for caterers

9. The provisions of this Order shall not apply to the supply of milk by a caterer in the course of his catering business.

Return of documents

10.—(1) Every document issued by or on behalf of the Ministry for the purposes of this Order is and shall remain the property of the Minister.

(2) Where any person is in possession of any such document and such possession is not authorised by virtue of this Order then such person shall

forthwith deliver the document to the Ministry or otherwise in accordance with the directions contained in such document.

(3) Any person to whom any such document has been issued or who is in possession of any such document shall if requested so to do by or on behalf of the Ministry produce such document or deliver it to such person or to a person of such class or description as may be specified in the request.

Validity of documents

11.—(1) Any document issued by or on behalf of the Ministry for the purposes of this Order or having effect for such purposes shall continue to be valid for such purposes only if and so long as

(*a*) subject as in this Order otherwise provided, it is used or retained by or on behalf of the person in respect of whom it is issued and for the purpose of obtaining milk on his behalf and while such person is living and is in Northern Ireland or on board any ship, other than a foreign-going ship; and

(*b*) it is used in accordance with any instructions or conditions specified thereon and on any document issued in connection therewith.

(2) For the purpose of this Article the expression "foreign-going ship" means a ship for which rationed foods within the meaning of the Food Rationing Orders, 1952, are authorised by the proper officer of Customs and Excise to be obtained under the provision of the Ships' Stores (No. 2) Order, 1950(**a**) as amended(**b**).

Offences

12.—(1) No person shall—

(*a*) in furnishing any information for the purposes of this Order make any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly make any statement which is false in a material particular;

(*b*) except when required so to do by or under this Order or any other Order or Direction of the Ministry, alter any document issued or authorised to be used for the purposes of this Order or make or alter any entry therein or deface any such document;

(*c*) personate or falsely represent himself to be the person to whom any such document has been issued or applies;

(*d*) except where he is required or authorised to do so by or under this Order or any other Order or Direction of the Ministry, obtain, use or retain or attempt to obtain, use or retain any such document other than a document issued to him;

(*e*) with intent to deceive, forge or use or lend to or allow to be used by any other person any such document;

(*f*) with intent to deceive, make or cause to be made or have in his possession any document so closely resembling any such document as to be calculated to deceive;

(**a**) S.I. 1950/1462; 1950 III, p. 471. (**b**) S.I 1952/1776; 1953/550.

(*g*) use or dispose of any such document otherwise than for the purposes and in accordance with the provisions of this Order or any other Order or Direction of the Ministry.

(2) In this Article the expression "forge" has the same meaning as in the Forgery Act, 1913(**a**).

Revocation

13.—(1) The Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1951(**b**), as amended(**c**), is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

(2) Any licence or other document issued for the purposes of the said Order and subsisting at the commencement of this Order shall continue to have effect as if it had been granted under the corresponding provision of this Order and unless the context otherwise requires any reference therein to that Order shall be construed as a reference to this Order.

Licences, authorisations or directions

14.—(1) The provisions of this Order are subject to—

(*a*) any Direction which may at any time be given by the Ministry in relation to the articles to which this Order applies, and

(*b*) to any licence or authorisation which may be granted under this Order by the Ministry

and the Minister hereby delegates to the Ministry the function of giving any Direction or granting any such licence or authorisation.

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

G. Lloyd-George,
Minister of Food

Dated the 28th day of April, 1953.

THE SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES OF MILK

Description	Maximum Price Rate per gallon			
	From 1st May, 1953 to 30th June, 1953 (inclusive)	From 1st July, 1953 to 31st July, 1953 (inclusive)	From 1st August, 1953 to 31st October, 1953 (inclusive)	On and after 1st November, 1953
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Grade A (T.T.) milk	4 2	4 6	4 10	4 6
Pasteurised milk...	4 0	4 4	4 8	4 4

(a) 3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 27. (b) S.I. 1951/739; 1951 III, p. 380.
(c) S.I. 1951/1158; 1952/1238: 1951 III, p. 386.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order replaces with amendments the Milk (Control and Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1951, as amended.

The principal changes are the introduction of seasonal retail prices for milk operative from 1st May, 1953, and the abolition of the provisions relating to the control of milk bottles.

1953 No. 552

The Cream and Use of Milk (Revocation) Order, 1953

For the text of this Order *see* p. 2081 above.

1953 No. 1277

The Oils and Fats (No. 2) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	17*th August*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	18*th August*, 1953
Coming into Operation	23*rd August*, 1953

The Minister of Food, in pursuance 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 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:—

PART I

Commencement and Citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 23rd day of August, 1953; and may be cited as the Oils and Fats (No. 2) Order, 1953.

Interpretation

2. 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".

"Cooking fats" means any mixture fit for human food or for use in the manufacture, preparation or treatment of human food, consisting of two or more of the oils specified in the Second Schedule to this Order or of one or more of the said oils mixed with any other oil or fat, and having a melting point which when determined by the method specified in the Fourth Schedule to this Order is not less than 30 degrees centigrade; but does not include margarine.

"First-hand sale" in relation to home-produced lard, means a sale by the manufacturer thereof to a wholesaler.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945/1611, 1618; 1945 II, pp. 39, 48.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25. (d) S.I. 1952/2094; 1952 III, p. 3006.