The Motor Spirit (Regulation) Order, 1948

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The Minister of Fuel and Power, in pursuance of Regulations fifty-five and fifty-five AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939(a), as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(b), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(c), hereby makes the following Order:—

Restrictions on the furnishing and acquisition of motor fuel.

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, except under the authority of a licence:—

(*a*) no person other than a supplier shall furnish any supply of motor fuel;

(*b*) no person shall acquire any supply of motor fuel otherwise than from a supplier;

(*c*) no person shall furnish or acquire a supply of motor fuel otherwise than against the surrender to the supplier at the time of supply of one or more coupons authorising the supply on the date of the supply of a quantity of motor fuel not less than the quantity supplied, each such coupon being a coupon on which any particulars or signature required in pursuance of the next following Article have been inserted as there provided, and on which (or, in the case of a standard ration coupon, on the cover of the book in which it was issued) there appears, if it authorises supply to a motor vehicle, a number or description applicable to the vehicle, or to the class to which the vehicle belongs:

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall restrict a supply being furnished:—

(i) wholesale to a dealer, if the coupons surrendered (being coupons which authorised supply by that dealer on the date on which they were surrendered to him) cover the amount of the wholesale supply less an allowance of one per centum, and are delivered by the dealer with such information inserted thereon by him as is required to be so furnished; or

(ii) to a local authority, if any coupon required to be surrendered is surrendered at or before the date of the supply, being a coupon on which appear the letters "L.A."

(a) *See* Note, p. 15 above.
(b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1618) II, p. 48.
(c) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.

(2) The provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall not apply to a supply of any motor fuel:—

(*a*) furnished to any person for refining, treating or blending in the course of a business carried on by that person;

(*b*) subject to any direction given by the Minister, furnished by any local authority for use:—

(i) in any motor vehicle (not being a public service vehicle), or in any plant, owned by a local authority;

(ii) in any motor vehicle licensed as "goods" and hired for whole time use in the service of a local authority;

(iii) in any motor vehicle engaged at the time of such use on any duty in connection with a Civil Defence service for which a local authority is responsible;

(*c*) being benzole (other than motor benzole), special boiling point spirits, white spirit, rubber solvent or kerosene;

(*d*) being diesel oil furnished and acquired for use in any motor vehicle specified in sub-paragraph (*a*), (*b*), (*bb*), (*c*), or (*d*) of paragraph four of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, or in a road roller;

10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 18.

(*e*) being an importation of motor fuel.

(3) Where any person is in connection with his business as a supplier, or by virtue of a licence, in possession of any motor fuel not in the tank of a motor vehicle, and any of the said motor fuel is placed in the tank of a motor vehicle bearing a licence taken out under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1920, or under section nine of the Roads Act, 1920, as amended by section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1922, the provisions of this Order shall apply with respect to that motor fuel as if it were a supply furnished by a supplier, or acquired under the authority of a licence, as the case may be, at the time of the placing; and the surrender of coupons, or the authority of a licence, shall be required accordingly.

10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 72.
12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 17.

Insertion of particulars on coupons before surrender.

2. Before any coupon is in pursuance of the foregoing Article tendered to a supplier, being a coupon upon which there was at the time of issue an empty space expressed to be for the name of the person to whom, or the registered number, class or description of the vehicle for which, or the purpose for which, it was issued, the person to whom that coupon was issued shall enter full particulars as so specified in ink in that space, or cause the same to be so entered; and, where on any such coupon there is a space expressed to be for signature, that person shall before tender as aforesaid sign that coupon in ink in that space, or cause it to be so signed on his behalf.

Restrictions on use and transfer of coupons.

3.—(1) Except under the authority of a licence, no person shall use any coupon, or cause or allow the use of any coupon, or knowingly furnish a supply of any motor fuel against the surrender of any coupon:—

(*a*) for a purpose, or at a time, other than that to which that coupon relates, or for a purpose not mentioned in the application on which that coupon was issued, or for a purpose mentioned in such an application but specified at the time of the issue of that coupon as not being a purpose for which it was issued;

(*b*) otherwise than in accordance with any condition or instruction appearing on or attached to that coupon, or at any time communicated in writing to the person to whom it was issued.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing paragraph, no person shall, except under the authority of a licence, acquire, or knowingly furnish a supply of any motor fuel for use in a private motor car or private motor cycle against the surrender of any coupon upon which appears a combination of letters specified in either of the following sub-paragraphs, that is to say:—

(*a*) (i) " GOODS " and " X ";
(ii) " PASS " and " Y ";
(iii) " AGR " and " F ";
(iv) " IND " and " W "; or
(v) " GOV " and " G ";

(*b*) (i) " M.T." and " T "; or
(ii) " P.T." and " T ".

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), no person shall, except under the authority of a licence, furnish, or cause or allow to be furnished, against the surrender of any coupon upon which appears any combination of letters specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing paragraph any motor fuel which is:—

(*a*) not commercial petrol within the meaning of any enactment for the time being regulating the supply by retail of motor spirit;

(*b*) contained in a pump marked in pursuance of any such enactment " Private ".

(4) Except under the authority of a licence, no person shall transfer any coupon to any other person, or accept, or be in possession of, any coupon which is being, or has to his knowledge been, so transferred.

(5) In the foregoing paragraph the expression " transfer " includes any delivery to, or deposit of coupons with, a supplier, or his servant or agent, otherwise than by way of surrender in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

Restrictions on possession of kerosene.

4.—(1) Except under the authority of a licence, no person shall be in possession of any kerosene in admixture with motor spirit.

(2) For the purposes of the foregoing paragraph, or of paragraph (5) of the next following Article, motor spirit or any other hydrocarbon oil shall be deemed to contain kerosene in admixture if, with a closed flash-point less than seventy-three degrees Fahrenheit, the final boiling point thereof exceeds two hundred and fifteen degrees Centigrade, or if, with a closed flashpoint greater than one hundred and fifty degrees Fahrenheit, not less than twenty per centum thereof by volume distils at a temperature not greater than two hundred and ten degrees Centigrade.

Restrictions on use of motor fuel.

5.—(1) Except under the authority of a licence granted in pursuance of this paragraph, or of the next following Article, no person shall use any motor fuel acquired by him otherwise than against the surrender of a coupon or under the authority of a licence, or cause or allow the use of any such fuel, for supplying motive power to any motor vehicle.

(2) Except under the authority of a licence, no person shall use any motor fuel, or cause or allow the use of any motor fuel, acquired against the surrender of any coupon:—

(*a*) for a purpose other than that to which that coupon related, or for a purpose not mentioned in the application on which that coupon was issued, or for a purpose mentioned in that application but specified at the time of the issue of the coupon as not being a purpose for which the coupon was issued;

(*b*) otherwise than in accordance with any condition or instruction appearing on or attached to that coupon, or at any time communicated in writing to the person to whom the coupon was issued;

(*c*) for any particular purpose, where a supply has been made for more than one purpose, in excess of the quantity acquired for that purpose; or

(*d*) where a coupon was acquired in respect of a particular motor vehicle, or class or description of motor vehicles, in any other motor vehicle, or motor vehicle of another class or description, as the case may be;

so however that motor fuel acquired against the surrender of any coupon issued by the Minister of Transport may be used by the person to whom that coupon was issued for any purpose mentioned either:—

(i) in the application on which that coupon was issued;

(ii) in any application for coupons made by that person to the said Minister in respect of a period which includes the date of the said user; or

(iii) in any such application so made in respect of a period immediately preceding the period which includes the date of the said user;

the purpose not being a purpose at any time disallowed or prohibited in writing by the said Minister.

(3) The provisions of the foregoing paragraph other than the proviso shall, with the substitution for references to the issue of the coupon of references to the granting of the licence, apply in relation to motor fuel acquired under the authority of a licence as they apply in relation to motor fuel acquired against the surrender of a coupon.

(4) No person shall use any motor fuel, or cause or allow the use of any motor fuel, furnished by virtue of sub-paragraph (*a*), (*b*), or (*d*) of paragraph (2) of Article one otherwise than for the purpose for which it was furnished.

(5) Except under the authority of a licence, no person shall use any kerosene, or cause or allow the use of any kerosene, whether or not in admixture, for supplying motive power to any motor vehicle chargeable

with duty under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1920, not being a vehicle specified in sub-paragraph (*a*), (*b*), (*bb*), (*c*) or (*d*) of paragraph four of the Second Schedule to that Act.

(6) Except under the authority of a licence, no person shall use any benzole (other than motor benzole), special boiling point spirits, white spirit or rubber solvent for supplying motive power to an internal combustion engine, or cause or allow any such use.

Restrictions on use of motor fuel by producers.

6. Except under the authority of a licence, no producer shall use any motor fuel, or permit the use of any motor fuel, produced by him for supplying motive power to a motor vehicle registered in his name under the Roads Act, 1920.

Waste of motor fuel prohibited.

7. No person shall waste any motor fuel, or use any motor fuel otherwise than in such manner as will effect all reasonable economy in its consumption, or cause or allow any such waste or use as aforesaid.

Exception from restrictions in case of motor fuel seized or confiscated.

8. Nothing in this Order shall restrict the furnishing to, or acquisition or use by, police authorities for police services of motor fuel which has been seized or confiscated under the provisions of any Order made under Regulation fifty-five of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, or of any enactment.

Relaxation of restrictions in case of transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle.

9. Where any motor vehicle registered under the Roads Act, 1920, is duly transferred for the purposes of that Act by the person in whose name it is registered to another person, nothing in this Order shall restrict:—

(*a*) the transfer by that person to that other person of any standard ration coupon issued in relation to that vehicle;

(*b*) the transfer as aforesaid, or the use by that other person, of any motor fuel in the tank of that vehicle at the time of the said transfer.

Value of unit.

10. The quantities of motor fuel respectively equivalent to one unit and half a unit with respect to any coupon shall be, in the case of:—

(*a*) any standard ration coupon, one half of a gallon and one quarter of a gallon respectively;

(*b*) any coupon upon which appears the combination of letters "PRIV" and "S", one and one half gallons and one gallon respectively;

(*c*) any coupon surrendered against a supply of heavy oil, not being a standard ration coupon, (to one unit) two thirds of a gallon;

(*d*) any other coupon, one gallon and one half of a gallon respectively.

Period of validity of standard ration coupons.

11.*—(1) Any standard ration coupon shall, notwithstanding anything expressed thereon, be authority for the supply of motor fuel against surrender thereof during the month for which it is expressed to be valid, or to which in pursuance of this Article it is deemed to relate, and during any of the five next following months.

(2) Standard ration coupons expressed to relate respectively to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth months shall be deemed to relate to the months June, July, August, September, October and November, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, respectively.

* New Article 11 substituted, *see* p. 888 below.

(3) Any standard ration coupon to which paragraph (2) of this Article applies shall, in addition to being authority for the supply of motor fuel against surrender thereof during any such month as is provided in paragraph (1), be authority also for supply during any other month referred to in the said paragraph (2).

Additional provisions relating to coupons.

12.—(1) Every coupon issued in pursuance of this Order shall be, and shall remain, the property of the Minister, and shall be delivered up to him if he shall at any time so direct.

(2) Any supplier, producer or other person to whom any coupon has been surrendered, against or in connection with, the supply of any motor fuel shall, if it has not been surrendered in connection with a supply of motor fuel furnished to him, deliver it up in such manner as may for the time being be directed by the Minister.

(3) Any person to whom any coupon has been issued or lawfully transferred shall, if it has not been surrendered to a supplier in pursuance of Article one, or delivered up in pursuance of a direction given by the Minister, deliver it by hand or by post to the office at which it was issued within the fourteen days next following:—

(*a*) the end of the period during which the supply of motor fuel against surrender of that coupon, or if it is included in a book, against surrender of the last coupon in that book, is authorised under the provisions of this Order; or

(*b*) the day on which the purposes for which that coupon was issued cease to apply; or

(*c*) in the case of a coupon authorising supply for a motor vehicle licensed for use on roads, the day on which that motor vehicle ceases to be so licensed;

whichever first occurs.

(4) Any person authorised in writing by the Minister, or by a Chief Officer of Police, in that behalf may, on production of his authority, require any person in possession of any coupon to produce it to him, and may seize any such coupon which he has reasonable ground for believing to have been, or to be, evidence of an offence against the Control of Motor Fuel Order, 1947(a), or this Order or the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

(5) The provisions of the last foregoing paragraph shall apply in relation to any forged coupon, or to any document so closely resembling a coupon as to be calculated to deceive, as they apply in relation to any coupon there specified.

Certain persons to keep records.

13.—(1) Any person to whom in connection with any public utility undertaking, or undertaking by way of trade or business, carried on by him, there has been issued any coupon upon which appears a combination of letters:—

(*a*) " AGR " and " F ";
(*b*) " IND " and " W "; or
(*c*) " MISC " and " Z ";

shall record particulars of the motor fuel acquired against the surrender thereof in a daily record to be kept by him; and shall also keep a record of the quantity thereof respectively used for every purpose for which any such coupon was issued.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2058) II, p. 1121.

(2) The said daily record shall show every date on which motor fuel was acquired as aforesaid, the quantity then acquired, and the name and address of every supplier from whom any was acquired.

(3) Any person to whom any coupon (other than a standard ration coupon) has been issued in pursuance of this Order, authorising the supply of motor fuel for use in a private motor car or private motor cycle, shall, if required so to do by a direction given by the Minister, keep, in relation to that vehicle, and to the consumption of motor fuel acquired against the surrender either of that coupon or of any standard ration coupon issued in respect of the vehicle, a record containing such particulars as may be specified in the direction.

Provisions concerning records.

14.—(1) Every sheet of paper on which any record is made in pursuance of the last foregoing Article shall contain at the top:—

(*a*) the full names and address of the person required to keep that record; and

(*b*) the Minister's regional reference number relating to the application on which the said coupon was issued;

and shall be signed immediately after the last entry thereon by the person to whom the coupon was issued, or by a person authorised by him in that behalf.

(2) Every person required to keep any such record as aforesaid shall, if so required by the Minister:—

(*a*) produce that record to the Minister; or

(*b*) deliver to the Minister that record, or such part thereof, or a copy of so much thereof, as may be specified in the requirement.

(3) Every person required to keep any such record as aforesaid shall, unless it has been delivered up under the preceding paragraph and not returned to him, or unless the Minister shall otherwise direct, preserve that record for a period of three years from the date of the latest entry made therein.

Furnishing of information.

15. Every person who applies for any coupon or licence in pursuance of this Order shall furnish all such information as may be prescribed in any direction given by the Minister, or be required with respect to the said application by the Minister, or the Minister of Transport, as the case may be.

Inspection of vehicles and taking samples.

16.—(1) Any inspector appointed in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Regulation fifty-five AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order, inspect any motor vehicle wherever found (otherwise than on premises used for the purposes of a private dwelling) in which he has reason to believe that any motor fuel is being used.

(2) Any person, and the servants and agents of any person, in possession of any motor fuel shall, on demand, give samples thereof to any such inspector as aforesaid, for the purpose of enabling that inspector to ascertain whether or not this Order has been or is being complied with.

Provisions concerning licences, directions, etc.

17.—(1) Any licence, direction or requirement granted or made under the provisions of this Order may relate to persons, areas, vehicles, types of fuel or other matters either generally, or in particular, or by reference to any class or description of any of them.

(2) Any licence may be granted subject to such conditions as the Minister may deem necessary; every such condition shall be complied with by every person, or by every person of the class or description, in whose favour the licence was granted; and the breach of any such condition shall be an offence against this Order.

(3) The Minister may vary or revoke any licence; and, if any licence is revoked, the holder thereof shall forthwith deliver it up as directed by the Minister.

(4) Where under any of the provisions of this Order any person is required to surrender, deliver up or produce any document to the Minister, or to any other person, if the Minister or that person so directs or requires, a direction or requirement given in pursuance thereof may require compliance forthwith or in such manner, or at or within such time, or at such place, as may be specified in that direction or requirement, and that provision shall take effect accordingly.

(5) Where with respect to any motor vehicle any coupon is issued by the Minister of Transport, any licence in pursuance of Article five of this Order relating to the use in that vehicle of any motor fuel, or the use of any motor fuel acquired against the surrender of that coupon, will be granted by the said Minister; and in relation thereto references in this Article to the Minister shall be construed as including references to the Minister of Transport.

Methods of test.

18. The method of test for the flashpoint of any hydrocarbon oil, or for the final boiling point, or the percentage by volume distilling at any specified temperature, of any such oil, shall be the method of test relating thereto set out in " Standard Methods for Testing Petroleum and its Products " (Edition 1948), published by the Institute of Petroleum, being:—

(*a*) for the flash point of hydrocarbon oil having a closed flash point not greater than one hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit, method I.P. —33/44;

(*b*) for the flash point of hydrocarbon oil having a closed flash point greater than one hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit, method I.P. —34/47;

(*c*) for the determination of the final boiling point, or of the percentage by volume distilling at a specified temperature, of hydrocarbon oil having a closed flash point less than seventy-three degrees Fahrenheit, method I.P. —28/42;

(*d*) for the determination of the percentage by volume distilling at the specified temperature of hydrocarbon oil having a closed flash point greater than one hundred and fifty degrees Fahrenheit, method I.P. —26/42.

Interpretation.

19.—(1) In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:—

" coupon " (a) means a coupon issued as authority for the supply of one or more units, or fractions of a unit, or of a specified quantity,

(a) *See* amendment, p. 888 below.

of motor fuel, being a coupon which specifies a period for its validity, and on which appears the stamp of the office of issue, so however that, in the case of a standard ration coupon, the said stamp shall appear on the cover of the book in which the coupon was issued, and, in the case of a coupon on which appears the combination of letters " GOODS " and " X ", no such stamp shall be required;

" dealer " means a supplier carrying on the business of supplying motor fuel as a retailer;

" final boiling point " means in relation to oil the maximum temperature observed on the distillation thermometer when the oil is tested by the method specified in paragraph (*c*) of the foregoing Article;

" furnish " and " acquire " mean respectively the disposal and acquisition of ownership or possession or any right to possession;

" heavy oil " means any hydrocarbon oil acquired or appropriated for use for supplying motive power to a motor vehicle, not being motor spirit;

" hydrocarbon oil " means petroleum oil, coal tar, oil produced from coal, shale, peat or any other bituminous substance, and any liquid hydrocarbon;

" internal combustion engine " means any engine in which the energy necessary to produce motion is developed by the combustion of a fuel in the engine cylinder and not in a separate chamber;

" issued " means in relation to any coupon issued by, or, in the case of a standard ration coupon, by a licensing authority under the Roads Act, 1920, or a post office, on behalf of, the Minister, or by the Minister of Transport, as the case may be; and the expression " issue " shall be construed accordingly;

" kerosene " means hydrocarbon oil having a closed flash point not less than seventy-three, and not greater than one hundred and fifty, degrees Fahrenheit;

" licence " means a licence granted by the Minister, or, in pursuance of paragraph (5) of Article seventeen, the Minister of Transport;

" the Minister " means the Minister of Fuel and Power;

" motor fuel " means motor spirit and heavy oil;

" motor spirit " means hydrocarbon oil, of which the volume distilling, at a temperature not exceeding one hundred and eighty-five degrees Centigrade, is not less than fifty per centum, or, at a temperature not exceeding two hundred and forty degrees Centigrade, is not less than ninety-five per centum, or which has a closed flashpoint of less than seventy-three degrees Fahrenheit;

" motor vehicle " means a mechanically propelled vehicle constructed or adapted for use on roads;

" private motor car " means a motor vehicle adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver, which is being used under a licence marked " Private " taken out under section thirteen of the Finance Act, 1920, not being a vehicle licensed under the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, or used under an authority granted for the purposes of paragraph (2) of Regulation seventy-two of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939;

" private motor cycle " means a motor vehicle which is being used under a licence taken out under section thirteen of the Finance Act,

1920, upon which the class entry is " bicycle ", " cycle and sidecar " or " tricycle ", not being a vehicle licensed under the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, or used under an authority granted for the purposes of paragraph (2) of Regulation seventy-two aforesaid;

23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 53.

" producer " means a person carrying on any business involving the production of any motor fuel;

" standard ration " means an allowance for the purposes of this Order of motor fuel made in respect of a private motor car or private motor cycle without any purpose for which that allowance will be used being defined;

" standard ration coupon " means a coupon relating to a standard ration;

" supplier " means a person carrying on the business of supplying motor fuel.

(2) Expressions to which meanings are assigned by this Order shall (unless the contrary intention appear) have the same meanings in any instrument issued under the provisions of this Order; and the expression " instrument issued under the provisions of this Order " includes every licence granted, direction and authority given, coupon issued, application, requirement and request made, and record kept, under those provisions.

Application to Northern Ireland.

20.—(1) The provisions of this Article shall have effect in the application of this Order to Northern Ireland.

(2) A reference to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as it has effect in Northern Ireland.

(3) There shall be substituted for any reference to:—

(*a*) sub-paragraph (*a*), (*b*), (*bb*), (*c*) or (*d*) of paragraph four of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, a reference respectively to sub-paragraph (1), (2), (2A), (3) or (4) as the case may be, of paragraph three of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920;

(*b*) section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1922, a reference to section five of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922;

12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 18 (N.I.).

(*c*) the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, a reference to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934;

24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 15 (N.I.).

(*d*) paragraph (2) of Regulation seventy-two of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, a reference to paragraph (2) of Regulation seventy-three of the said Regulations;

(*e*) a Chief Officer of Police, a reference to a County Inspector of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Revocation.

21.—(1) The Control of Motor Fuel Order, 1947(a), is hereby revoked.

(2) Any licence granted, direction or authority given, or request or requirement made, in pursuance of any of the provisions of the Order aforesaid, and in operation at the date of the coming into operation of this Order, shall, with any requisite modifications, be deemed to have been granted, given or made in pursuance of the corresponding provision of this Order, and shall have effect accordingly.

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 2058) II, p. 1121.

(3) Any coupon issued in pursuance of the Order aforesaid shall be deemed to have been issued in pursuance of this Order; and any condition or instruction appearing on or attached to any such coupon, or at any time communicated to the person to whom the coupon was issued, shall, with any requisite modifications, continue to have effect in relation thereto.

(4) Where any permit granted in pursuance of any provision of the Order aforesaid is in operation at the date of the coming into operation of this Order, and the act or acts permitted thereby might under any corresponding provision of this Order be done under the authority of a licence, the said permit shall be deemed to be a licence granted under the said corresponding provision; and shall, with any requisite modifications, have effect accordingly.

Commencement and citation.

22. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and may be cited as the Motor Fuel (Control) Order, 1948.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of May, 1948.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the Control of Motor Fuel Order, 1947, and re-enacts its provisions with certain amendments, chiefly those required to give effect to the introduction of a standard ration.

The amendments relate to:—

(*a*) the value of a standard ration unit (Art. 10);

(*b*) the period of validity of standard ration coupons (Art. 11 (1) (2) (3));

(*c*) "X", "Y", "F", "W" and "G" coupons; motor fuel which is in a pump marked "Private" or which is not commercial petrol may not be supplied against any of these coupons except under licence (Art. 3 (3)); the provisions regulating the use to which motor fuel acquired against them may be put are simplified (Art. 5 (2));

(*d*) restrictions on kerosene; these remain substantially as before, but the provisions are simplified so as to make it clear that while kerosene may be freely acquired it still may not be mixed with motor spirit (Arts. 1 (2) and 4);

(*e*) licences; all exceptions will in future be made by licence; where permits granted under the 1947 Order are in operation when this Order comes into operation, they will be treated as licences under this Order (Art. 21 (4)).