28. SACCHARIN

The Saccharin Order, 1949

1949 No. 945

Made - - - -	17*th May*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	19*th May*, 1949
Coming into Operation	21*st May*, 1949

In exercise 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 of all other powers him enabling, the Minister of Food hereby makes the following Order:—

1. 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.

"Dulcin" means p-phenetylcarbamide.

"Dulcin solution" means any liquid (capable of being used as a substitute for sugar) in the preparation of which dulcin has been used.

"Saccharin" means o-benzoicsulphinide.

"Sale by retail" means any sale to a person buying otherwise than for the purpose of resale, and includes a sale to a caterer for the purposes of his catering business but does not include a sale to a manufacturer for the purposes of his manufacturing business; and the expressions "sell by retail" and "retailer" shall be construed accordingly.

"Soluble saccharin" means the sodium salt of o-benzoicsulphinide.

"Saccharin solution" means any liquid (capable of being used as a substitute for sugar) in the preparation of such saccharin has been used.

"Standard saccharin tablet" means a tablet that—

(i) weighs not more than 1.1 grains, and

(ii) contains not more than 5 per cent. by weight of water-insoluble matter and not less than 0.18 of a grain and not more than 0.22 of a grain of saccharin mixed with sufficient sodium bicarbonate to render the saccharin soluble with or without other excipients, or an equivalent amount of soluble saccharin with the addition of sodium bicarbonate or other excipients.

"Sweetening powder" means any powder (capable of being used as a substitute for sugar) in the preparation of which saccharin or dulcin has been used, but the expression does not include soluble saccharin or any powder consisting wholly of saccharin or dulcin.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615–25) II, pp. 39 and 45–56.

(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.

"Sweetening tablet" means a tablet that—

(i) weighs not more than 0.9 of a grain, and

(ii) contains not less than 0.081 of a grain and not more than 0.099 of a grain of saccharin and not less than 0.054 of a grain and not more than 0.066 of a grain of dulcin mixed with sufficient sodium bicarbonate to render the tablet soluble with or without other excipients.

2. No person shall—

(*a*) buy by retail or sell by retail any saccharin solution, dulcin solution, saccharin in powder form, dulcin in powder form, soluble saccharin or sweetening powder; provided that the restrictions imposed by the paragraph shall not apply to the purchase by or sale to an authorised seller of poisons or a registered medical practitioner (for pharmaceutical purposes) of saccharin solution, saccharin in powder form or soluble saccharin;

(*b*) buy or sell any tablets (capable of being used as a substitute for sugar) other than standard saccharin tablets and sweetening tablets;

(*c*) sell by retail any standard saccharin tablets except in packets bearing a label stating in clearly legible letters the number of tablets contained in the packet and the saccharin content of each tablet;

(*d*) sell by retail any sweetening tablets except in packets bearing a label stating in clearly legible letters the number of tablets contained in the packet and the saccharin and dulcin content of each tablet.

3. Infringements of this Order are offences against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

4. The Saccharin (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944(a) is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

5.—(1) The provisions of this Order are subject to any directions that may at any time be given by or on behalf of the Minister, and to any licence or authorisation that may be granted by or on behalf of the Minister under this Order.

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

(3) Every licence or authorisation granted under this Order is and shall remain the property of the Minister; and the licensee or any person in possession of any such licence or authorisation shall, if requested to do so by or on behalf of the Minister, produce or deliver it to such person or to a person of such class or description, and within such time, as may be specified in the request.

6. This Order—

(*a*) shall not apply to "Tabloid" brand Saxin manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome & Company;

(*b*) shall come into force on the 21st day of May, 1949;

(*c*) may be cited as the Saccharin Order, 1949.

Dated the 17th day of May, 1949.

John Strachey,
Minister of Food.

(a) S.R. & O. 1944 (No. 69) II, p. 1063.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order replaces the Saccharin (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944.

The provisions of that Order relating to—

(*a*) the number of tablets to be contained in packets of saccharin or sweetening tablets sold by retail;

(*b*) the keeping of records;

(*c*) the use for manufacturing purposes of saccharin, dulcin and sweetening powder or tablets;

(*d*) the manufacture of saccharin, dulcin and sweetening tablets;

(*e*) the supply otherwise than by retail of saccharin, dulcin and sweetening powder; and

(*f*) maximum prices;

are discontinued.

The provisions restricting the retail sale of saccharin, dulcin and sweetening powder in certain forms, and the provisions relating to quality-standards and labelling, are retained.

---

29. SYRUP AND TREACLE

The Syrup and Treacle (Amendment) Order, 1949

1949 No. 1040

Made - - - -	30*th May*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	31*st May*, 1949
Coming into Operation	19*th June*, 1949

In exercise 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(**a**) as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling, the Minister of Food hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The Syrup and Treacle (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941, as amended(**c**), shall be further amended by substituting for the Schedule thereto the Schedule to this Order.

2. The Syrup and Treacle (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1947(**d**), is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention of the Syrup and Treacle (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941, as amended thereby.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10: and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615-25) II, pp. 39 and 45-56.
(**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1941 (No. 42) II, p. 923; and 1947 (No. 724) II, p. 1009.
(**d**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 724) II, p. 1009.