Food for the area in which the agricultural land, or part thereof, is situate an application form (to be obtained from the Food Executive Officer) for a special authority to purchase rationed or controlled foods for consumption by that worker.

For the purpose of this Order "seasonal operation" means any of the following:—

(*a*) Harvesting (including fruit, grain, vegetables, potatoes and other root crops);
(*b*) Hay-making;
(*c*) Hoeing and singling of root crops;
(*d*) Threshing;
(*e*) Lambing and sheep-shearing.

2.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 9th day of August, 1948, and may be cited as the Food (Seasonal Allowances) Order, 1948.

(2) This Order shall extend to England and Wales only.

By Order of the Minister of Food.

Edith Summerskill,
Parliamentary Secretary.

Dated the 3rd day of August, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides that farmers engaged in certain seasonal operations shall complete and deliver to the local Food Executive Officer of the Ministry of Food a form of application for special authority to purchase rationed or controlled foods for consumption by the workers carrying out the operations.

(xii) SEIZURE

The Seizure of Food Order, 1948

1948 No. 724

Made - - - -	*8th April,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*9th April,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*19th April,* 1948

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55 and 55AB 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**), 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.

"Authorised Officer" means any person authorised by or on behalf of the Minister, and shall include any constable and any member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

(**a**) *See* Note, p. 15 above.
(**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1611 and 1615–25) II, pp. 39 and 45–56.
(**c**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.

" Food " includes anything used by man for food or for drink, other than water, any substance which ordinarily enters into or is used in the composition, manufacture or preparation of human food, any flavouring matter or condiment, the seeds of any cereal or vegetable, forage, and cattle, pigs, sheep and poultry.

" Forage " includes all feeding stuffs (whether natural, artificial, dried or undried) for animals (including birds).

" Owner " in relation to any article of food means the person who proves that he was the owner of the article at the time of the seizure thereof under this Order.

2.—(1) Where it is believed by an authorised officer that by reason of a contravention of any Order made by the Minister under Regulation 55 (1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, an offence being a breach of the control as defined by paragraph (6) of the said Regulation 55 or that an offence by reason of a contravention of any Order made by the Minister under Regulation 55AB (1) has been committed in respect of any article of food, the authorised officer may seize that article.

(2) Where any article of food has been seized by an authorised officer under paragraph (1) of this Article, that article of food may be sold in accordance with any instructions given by or on behalf of the Minister, and the proceeds of the sale, less any expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Minister in connection with the seizure and sale of the article of food (hereinafter called " the proceeds of the sale "), shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Order(a).

3. Seizure shall be effected either by physical seizure or by attaching to the article of food to be seized a notice in the form set out in the Schedule hereto and by showing to and leaving with the person having the custody of such article or any servant, agent or representative of such person a copy of the said notice.

4.—(1) Except under and in accordance with the terms of a permit, licence or other authority granted by or on behalf of the Minister for the purposes of this Order, no person shall use or dispose of any article of food which has been seized under this Order.

(2) Every person holding a licence or authorisation granted under paragraph (1) of this Article shall comply with every condition imposed by such licence or authorisation.

5. Where any article of food has been seized under Article 2 of this Order, and a person is convicted of an offence, being a breach of the control as defined in paragraph (6) of Regulation 55, in respect of that article of food or is convicted of any offence in respect of that article of food against the aforesaid Regulation 55AB consisting of a contravention of an Order made by the Minister under paragraph (1) thereof and has been fined for such offence, the Court by or before whom that person is convicted may, if satisfied that he was the owner of the article of food in question at the time of the seizure, direct that the whole or part of the proceeds of the sale thereof shall be applied in or towards the satisfaction of any fine imposed on that person for that offence, and thereupon the whole or part of the proceeds, as the Court may direct, shall be paid in or towards the satisfaction of the fine. Where a part only of the proceeds of the sale is so directed to be paid, the balance shall be paid to the person aforesaid.

(a) *See* amendment, p. 507 below.

6. Subject to the provisions of Article 5 of this Order, where an article of food has been seized under Article 2 of this Order, that article of food or, as the case may be, the proceeds of the sale thereof, shall be returned or paid to the owner.

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

8. The Seizure of Food Order, 1946(a), is hereby revoked.

9. This Order shall come into force on the 19th day of April, 1948, and may be cited as the Seizure of Food Order, 1948.

John Strachey,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 8th day of April, 1948.

THE SCHEDULE

THE SEIZURE OF FOOD ORDER, 1948

Notice.

Take notice that I, , an Authorised Officer under the above Order, have this day seized under Article 2 thereof the following article(s) of food:—

Description of Article(s)	*Place where Article(s) is/are lying.*

Signed.....

Dated the day of , 194 .

Note.—Any person using or disposing of any of the above articles of food, except under the authority of the Minister of Food, is guilty of an offence against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order re-enacts the Seizure of Food Order, 1946, with the following additions:—

(1) Seizure may be effected either by physical seizure or by the serving of a notice in the manner and form prescribed;

(2) It is an offence to use or dispose of any article of food which has been seized under the Order.

The Seizure of Food Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948

1948 No. 953

Made - - - -	*5th May,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*5th May,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*6th May,* 1948

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulations 55 and 55AB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939(b), as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(c), as extended by the

(a) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 1823) II, p. 654.

(b) *See* Note, p. 15 above.

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