The Sugar (Rationing) Order, 1951

1951 No. 859

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Coming into Operation	20*th May*, 1951

The Minister of Food, in pursuance 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 continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1950(c)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. In this Order—

"Appropriate coupon" means—

(*a*) a coupon in any ration document forming part of a row of coupons against which the word "Sugar" appears other than a coupon marked "P" or "Q" but including a coupon marked "R" or "S";

(*b*) a coupon marked "Sugar" in any ration document;

(*c*) a coupon marked "Quarter R" or "Quarter S" in any ration document.

"Sugar" means any sugar which has been subjected to any process rendering it suitable for human consumption, but does not include candy sugar manufactured in the United Kingdom by a manufacturing confectioner, invert sugar, glucose, molasses, syrup, treacle or manufactured products containing sugar.

"The Principal Order" means the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1951(d).

2. Sugar is hereby declared to be a rationed food for the purposes of the Principal Order.

3. Article 2 of the Principal Order shall apply in respect of the obtaining of sugar by or the supply of sugar to any trader.

4. The maximum quantity of sugar (hereinafter referred to as "the sugar ration") which may be obtained or supplied for household consumption against any appropriate coupon shall be an amount ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Order.

5.—(1) An appropriate coupon marked "R" or "S" and numbered 1 in a General Ration Book R.B.1 or Child's Ration Book R.B.2, shall relate to the ration period commencing on 20th day of May, 1951, and the coupons thereafter successively numbered in any such ration book shall

(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.I. 1950 (No. 1769) III, p. 51.
(d) S.I. 1951 No. 854, p. 60 above.

relate to the ration periods thereafter in corresponding order. The numbering referred to in this paragraph is the numbering in the centre of the blocks of coupons of which the said appropriate coupons form part.

(2) An appropriate coupon (other than a coupon marked "R" or "S") numbered 1 in any ration document shall relate to the week beginning on the 20th day of May, 1951, and the coupons successively numbered in such ration document shall relate to the weeks thereafter in corresponding order. Any reference to any week so numbered in any ration document shall be construed accordingly.

(3) Any appropriate coupon in a General Ration Book R.B.1 or Child's Ration Book R.B.2 shall only be valid—

(*a*) in the case of an appropriate coupon relating to any ration period, during that ration period;

(*b*) in the case of an appropriate coupon relating to any week, during the ration period in which the week occurs.

(4) Any appropriate coupon in a form R.B.12 shall be valid only during the period specified on the form (or in the case of a double form, on that half of the form of which the coupon forms part):

Provided that where 2 double forms R.B.12 are produced together and the periods specified on such forms are consecutive, the appropriate coupons thereon shall be valid at any time during the period specified on any of the said forms.

(5) Any appropriate coupon in a Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A shall be valid at any time prior to the expiration of 7 days from the date marked on the card or, where more than one date is marked, from the latest of such dates.

(6) Any appropriate coupon in a Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6 shall be valid at any time, provided that the counterfoil relating to such coupon shall have been duly signed and completed by the master or owner of the vessel upon which the holder is employed.

(7) The only appropriate coupons for sugar marked "R" or "Quarter R" valid for the purposes of this Order shall be the following:—

(*a*) the coupon marked "R" forming part of the block of coupons numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 in any ration book;

(*b*) a coupon marked "Quarter R" in a form R.B.12, if the whole or any part of the period specified on the form (or in the case of a double form on that half of the form of which the coupon forms part) falls within the period from the 20th May, 1951, to 6th October, 1951, inclusive.

6. Nothing in Article 11 of the Principal Order (which relates to the invalidation by establishments of residents' coupons) shall require the invalidation of any of the coupons referred to in paragraph (7) of Article 5 of this Order.

7. This Order shall come into force on the 20th day of May, 1951, and may be cited as the Sugar (Rationing) Order, 1951, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

Maurice Webb,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 15th day of May, 1951.

THE SCHEDULE

AMOUNT OF THE SUGAR RATION

1. Amount against each appropriate coupon for sugar (other than a coupon marked "Quarter R" or "Quarter S") in a—	
General Ration Book R.B.1	1 lb. net in the case of an appropriate coupon marked "R"; 8 oz. net in any other case.
Child's Ration Book R.B.2	
Form R.B.12	
2. Amount against each appropriate coupon for sugar in a Leave or Duty Ration Card R.B.8A and against each appropriate coupon for sugar marked "Quarter R" or "Quarter S"	2 oz. net in the case of a coupon marked "Quarter S" and 4 oz. net in any other case.
3. Amount against each appropriate coupon for sugar in a Weekly Seaman's Ration Book R.B.6 ...	1 lb. net, if a hole has been punched through the coupon; otherwise 21 oz. net.

NOTES.—1. Where a Form R.G.48 relating to sugar is produced with a ration document the amount of sugar obtainable during the period of validity of such form against each appropriate coupon for sugar in such document shall be increased as specified on the form, provided that nothing on such form shall affect the amount of sugar obtainable against an appropriate coupon for sugar marked "R" or "Quarter R".

2. The only valid appropriate coupons marked "R" or "Quarter R" are those referred to in Article 5 (7) of this Order.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which is to be read as one with the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1951, re-enacts the Sugar (Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1950, as amended, with alterations necessary to provide for the use of the new ration documents valid in respect of the rationing year beginning 20th May, 1951.

At the same time provision is made for holders of Ration Books R.B.1 and R.B.2 and Temporary Ration Cards R.B.12 to obtain an extra 1 lb. of sugar during each of the ration periods Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (20th May, 1951, to 6th October, 1951, inclusive).