

No. 258. THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS, 1940.

ORDER MADE BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY UNDER REGULATION 61.

In exercise of the powers vested in me by virtue of my appointment by the Governor as the Competent Authority for the purposes of Regulation 61 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, I hereby order as follows :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Defence (Specified Foodstuffs) Registration of Householders Order, 1940, and shall be read in conjunction with the Defence (Registration of Retailers of Specified Foodstuffs Order, 1940, (hereinafter referred to as "the Retailers Order").

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2. For the purposes of this Order—

"edible oil or fat" means any imported edible oil or fat or vegetable or margarine or lard or butter substitute, commonly used as a foodstuff, but does not include Australian butter.

"head of household" means in the case of a dwelling house the head or the person for the time being acting as the head of the household, and in the case of any hotel or boarding house the keeper or manager of such hotel or boarding house ;

"registered retailer" means a retailer registered under the Retailers Order ;

"specified foodstuff" means sugar and edible oil or fat.

3. From and after the 15th July, 1940, no registered retailer shall sell or supply any person with any specified foodstuffs unless such person is registered with such retailer as a registered householder.

4. Any householder desiring to be registered under this Order shall make application therefor to a registered retailer completing and delivering to such retailer a declaration containing the particulars set forth in the Schedule hereto and thereupon such retailer, unless I shall otherwise direct, shall register such householder in a book provided by me for such purpose (hereinafter called "the registration book") and shall allot to such householder a serial or distinctive number.

5. Except with my consent in writing no householder shall apply for registration to, nor shall be registered with, more than one registered retailer at any one time.

6. Every registered retailer shall within twenty days of the date of the publication of this Order in the *Gazette*, supply the registered distributor with whom he is registered under the Retailers Order a return showing the number of householders registered with such retailer and the total number of persons in such households : (a) over 12 years of age, and (b) 12 years of age or under.

7. If a registered householder desires to obtain his purchases or supplies of specified foodstuffs from a registered retailer other than the retailer with whom such householder is registered for the time being, he must give notice therefor in writing—

(a) to the registered retailer with whom such householder was registered whereupon such registered retailer shall delete the name of such householder from the registration book ; and

(b) to the Mukhtar of the village or of the quarter of town or village in which such registered retailer carries on business, whereupon such Mukhtar shall give to such householder a certificate that the name of such householder has ceased to be on the registration book ;

- (c) a certificate of the Mukhtar under paragraph (b) hereof shall be sufficient authority for the registration of the householder concerned with another registered retailer ;
- (d) a registered retailer who registers a householder under paragraph (c) hereof in the registration book kept by him shall, within three days from such registration give notice therefor to the registered distributor with which such retailer is registered under the Retailers Order.

8. I may appoint Inspectors, and the Commissioner of each District shall if so required by me, appoint Inspectors—

- (a) to enquire into the stocks of any specified foodstuff which are in the possession of or under the control of any person or generally of all persons residing in any town or village in the Colony, and
- (b) to ascertain whether the provisions of this Order have been or are being complied with.

9. Any person who—

- (a) acts in contravention of this Order, or
- (b) gives in any declaration made under clause 4 of this Order, any particular which is false,

shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in Regulation 94 of the Defence Regulations, 1940.

10. Nothing in this Order shall apply to any member of His Majesty's Forces or of any other Forces over which His Majesty exercises control and authority in any war in which His Majesty may be engaged.

11. Nothing in this Order shall affect the operation of any other Order relating to the control of weekly sales of specified foodstuffs, in force for the time being.

SCHEDULE.

To.....

Registered retailer.

I hereby apply for registration with you as a registered householder in respect of specified foodstuffs.

Following are the particulars regarding the household of which I am the head :—

- 1. The address is.....
- 2. The number of the members of the household are :—
 - (a) persons over 12 years of age.....
 - (b) persons of 12 years of age or under.....

Dated.....

(Signature).....

B. J. SURRIDGE,
Registrar of Co-operative Societies,
Food Controller,
Competent Authority.