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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS. PRICE ORDERS.

BEEF AND MUTTON.

Food Price Order No. C—103.

THE CONTROL OF PRICES ORDINANCE, No. 39 OF 1939.

Order.

BY virtue of the powers vested in the Controller of Prices (Food), by section 3 of the Control of Prices Ordinance, No. 39 of 1939, as amended by Defence (Control of Prices) (Supplementary Provisions No. 2) Regulations, I, Reginald Sydney Vernon Poulter, Controller of Prices (Food), do by this Order—

(i.) revoke with effect from this date—

- (a) Food Price Order No. C—29 of 1944 published in *Government Gazette* No. 9,271 of May 17, 1944;
- (b) Food Price Order No. C—36 of 1944 published in *Government Gazette* No. 9,285 of June 23, 1944;
- (c) Food Price Order No. C—38 of 1944 published in *Government Gazette* No. 9,293 of July 14, 1944;
- (d) Food Price Order No. C—40 of 1944 published in *Government Gazette* No. 9,295 of July 21, 1944;
- (e) Food Price Order No. C—49 of 1944 published in *Government Gazette* No. 9,309 of September 8, 1944; and
- (f) Food Price Order No. C—51 of 1944 published in *Government Gazette* No. 9,312 of September 22, 1944;

(ii.) fix the prices specified in columns 2 and 3 of the First Schedule hereto to be the maximum price per pound above which country beef of the description and grade specified at the heads of those columns shall not be sold within the area specified in the corresponding entry in column 1 of that Schedule;

(iii.) fix the prices specified in columns 2 and 3 of the Second Schedule hereto to be the maximum price per pound above which Australian beef of the description and grade specified at the heads of those columns shall not be sold within the area specified in the corresponding entry in column 1 of that Schedule;

(iv.) fix the prices specified in columns 2 and 3 of the Third Schedule hereto to be the maximum price per pound above which mutton of the description and grade specified at the heads of those columns shall not be sold within the area specified in the corresponding entry in column 1 of that Schedule;

(v.) direct that for the purpose of this Order—

- (a) "Country Beef" shall mean the flesh of the domesticated Indian or Sinhala cattle, or of a cross between the Indian and Sinhala cattle, or of a buffalo, but shall exclude all forms of offal;
- (b) "Australian Beef" shall mean all beef other than country beef as defined above, but shall exclude all forms of offal, meat imported in cold storage or sold from cold storage, tinned and preserved meat;
- (c) "Mutton" shall mean the flesh of a sheep or goat, but shall exclude all forms of offal and imported meat;
- (d) When the carcass of any animal as prepared for sale at the slaughter-house (*i.e.*, excluding head, hide, entrails, offal, hooves and such parts as are customarily excluded) is sold the sale shall be deemed to be by "Dead Weight";

(e) The percentage of bones sold with any beef (Australian or Country) or with any mutton shall be calculated on the total weight sold;

(vi.) direct that when any beef (Australian or Country) or any mutton is sold the weight of the bones sold therewith shall not exceed 25 per cent. of the total weight sold;

(vii.) direct that in any area other than the Colombo Municipality no person shall sell more than two pounds of beef (Australian or Country), with not more than 25 per cent. bones, on any one day to any one person except under the authority of a permit issued by the Food Commissioner (Control and Distribution) or by an officer authorised by him;

(viii.) direct that in any area other than the Colombo Municipality no person shall sell more than two pounds of mutton, with not more than 25 per cent. bones, on any one day to any one person except under the authority of a permit issued by the Food Commissioner (Control and Distribution) or by an officer authorised by him;

(ix.) direct that every trader, who at any premises within the areas specified in column 1 of the Schedules hereto, has in his possession beef or mutton of the description and grade specified in the Schedule hereto, shall exhibit in a conspicuous position at those premises, a notice on which there shall be set out the maximum prices fixed by this Order in respect of beef or mutton of that description and grade;

(x.) direct that "Australian Beef" shall be sold or exposed for sale only in stalls set aside for this purpose and no meat of any other description and grade shall be sold or exposed for sale in those stalls;

(xi.) direct that every trader, who at any premises within the areas specified in column 1 of the Second Schedule hereto, has in his possession Australian Beef of the description and grade specified in that Schedule, shall exhibit in a conspicuous position at the stall where such beef is sold, a notice to the effect that only Australian Beef of that description and grade is sold at the stall;

(xii.) direct that when beef (Australian or Country) or mutton is sold together with offal in the course of one transaction the beef or the mutton shall be weighed and sold separately from the offal;

(xiii.) direct that every trader, when selling beef or mutton, shall so place his weighing scale or scales that the purchaser of the beef or mutton shall be able to ascertain easily the true weight of the beef or mutton he purchases; and

(xiv.) direct that every trader who sells beef or mutton of the description and grade mentioned in the Schedules hereto shall give the purchaser of the beef or mutton, on demand, a receipt in which there shall be set out—

- (a) the date of the sale;
- (b) the quantity of beef or mutton sold (by weight);
- (c) the description of beef or mutton sold; and
- (d) the price paid for the quantity of beef or mutton sold.

Signed at Colombo, at 9 A.M., on 1st July, 1946.

R. S. V. POULTER,
Controller of Prices (Food).