

## STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

1939 No. 1076

### EMERGENCY POWERS (DEFENCE)

#### Imported Canned Meat

THE IMPORTED CANNED MEAT (REQUISITION) ORDER, 1939, DATED  
SEPTEMBER 5, 1939, MADE BY THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Whereas it appears to the Board of Trade to be necessary for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community and expedient that this Order should be made.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Regulations 53 and 55 of the Defence Regulations, 1939<sup>(a)</sup>, and of all other powers them enabling the Board of Trade hereby order as follows:—

1. In this Order:—

“Canned meat” includes any meat packed as a solid pack and preserved in airtight containers.

“Meat” includes beef, mutton, lamb, pork, veal and edible offals.

2. Every person owning or having power to dispose of or being in possession of any imported canned meat situate in the United Kingdom at the time of the coming into force of this Order is hereby required to place all such canned meat at the disposal of the Board of Trade, if the total gross weight thereof exceeds 5 tons, and to deliver the same to the Board of Trade or to their order.

3. Every person owning or having power to dispose of or being in possession of any imported canned meat, which shall arrive in the United Kingdom after the coming into force of this Order is hereby required to place the same forthwith on arrival at the disposal of the Board of Trade and to deliver the same to them or to their Order.

4. Every person owning or having power to dispose of any canned meat situate outside the United Kingdom shall comply with such directions as may be given by or on behalf of the Board of Trade for the purposes of securing that the ownership of all such canned meat or the right to dispose thereof is transferred to the Board of Trade.

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5. The foregoing provisions of this Order shall not apply to any canned meat which is either unsuitable for human consumption in the United Kingdom or not in good merchantable condition.

If any question shall arise as to whether any canned meat is unsuitable for human consumption in the United Kingdom or is not in good merchantable condition, such question shall be decided by the Board of Trade, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

6. No person shall, except under the authority of a licence granted by the Board of Trade, buy or sell or agree or offer or invite any offer to buy or sell any canned meat situate outside the United Kingdom if the total gross weight thereof exceeds 5 tons and no person shall except as aforesaid have any dealings with any other person therein or agree or offer or invite any offer to have any such dealings.

7. Every person to whom Articles 2, 3 or 4 of this Order applies shall forthwith send to the Board of Trade a return showing the quantity of canned meat to which such Articles respectively relate which is in his ownership or possession or of which he has power to dispose, as the case may be, the address of the premises at which such canned meat is kept or, if it is afloat, the name of the ship in which it has been shipped and such other particulars as the Board of Trade may require.

8. Infringements of this Order are offences against the Defence Regulations, 1939.

9. This Order may be cited as the Imported Canned Meat (Requisition) Order, 1939.

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By Order of the Board of Trade.

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