

NAVAL & MILITARY
(Miscellaneous.)
MISCELLANEOUS
(General.)

C.S.

19 41.

No. 82/41.

H. E. The Governor.

SUBJECT.

19 41.

9th September.

RATIONING -

Clothes, etc.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1-2 Cutting from "The Times" of 1st July, 1941.

yfb.
Submitted. Does Your Excellency wish any action taken at present?

A. J. P. 10/9/41

No. This is merely a reference.

A. J. P. 10/14/41

3. Sample from Competent Authority of 22. 9. 41.

yfb.
Submitted.

A. J. P. 22/9/41

No action at present - Thank W.C. for his trouble.

A. J. P. 22/10/41

Competent Authority, 10 etc. *A. J. P. 22/10/41*

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Sec.

See, thank you.

W. G. Gault.

22-9-41.

S. of S. Circular Telegram, No. 260 of 20/10/41.
Competent Authority.

Referred to you.

W. G. G.
24/10/41.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Returned, thank you.

Rationing scheme allowing 2 dozen boxes for each person of either sex, for the period ending 30.4.42. has been duly instituted.

To date 689 ration books have been issued.

W. G. Gault.

4-11-41.

- Govt. notice No. G. O. 2 of 26/10/41. 5.
- Letter to all Storekeepers of 26/10/41. 6.
- Telegram to all Stations East & West Falklands of 27/10/41. 7.
- List of Stanley Match Stocks of 27/10/41. 8.
- Ration Book for matches. 9.
- Letter to all Storekeepers of 29/10/41. 10.
- Government notice No. G. O. 3 of 29/10/41. 11.
- Telegram to all Stations East & West Falklands of 29/10/41. 12.
- " from Barton, Pebble Is., of 31/10/41. 13.
- " to Barton, Pebble Is., of 31/10/41. 14.
- " from Pole-Evans Is. Howard, of 31/10/41. 15.
- " to " " " " " 1/11/41. 16.
- " from Miller, King Cove, of 4-11-41. 17.
- " to " " " " " 4-11-41. 18.
- Schedule of match stocks. 19.
- Telegram to Station, Fox Bay. 20.
- Grounds letter to station not served by wind or telephone. 21.

Hon. Col. Sec.

In accordance with H. E.'s instructions the match ration has this day been doubled. The increase takes effect from the date of inception of the rationing. The necessary order is attached, and all traders have been informed.

W. G. Gault.

P. 8

Hon. Sec.

In accordance with H.E.'s instructions the Order instituting a rationing scheme for matches has been rescinded as from Feb. 10. 1942.

All Fades have been notified (RODS 23-27.)

Mb. Gauth.
3-2-42.

- Order doubling Match Ration. 1-12-41. 22.
- bivular letter to Stanley Traders. 30. 1. 42. 23.
- " " " Camp Stations. 30. 1. 42. 24.
- Letter to N.O. & Manu San Carlos 30. 1. 42. 25.
- Telegram to Weston, Poble & San Carlos. 30. 1. 42. 26.
- Order rescinding Match Rationing Order (29. 10. 41. Rod. 11) 30. 1. 42. 27.

PA

28. S.S.S. having telegram No. 15 of 27. 11. 41.

Y/E

No action is necessary by us?

C. H. S. 23/1/42 not [unclear] 23/2/4

Excerpted to 190/42.

Competent Authority.
to note.

C. H. S. for [unclear] 24/2/42

Hon. Sec.

Noted, thank you.

Mb. Gauth.
24-2-42.

PA

29. Secret having telegram No. 5 of 11/2/42.

M.C. Referred with ref. to para 3 of
red 29

A.H.A.
Loic's
16/4/42

H.C. Spoken.

Comp. Auch

Have you any comments to
make on red 29, pls.

A.H.A.
Loic's
19/4/42

Hon. Col. Sec.

In view of the deteriorating situation regarding cotton imports I suggest that permission be granted all traders to import essential cotton and woolen articles of clothing from South America. In order to prevent importation of luxury or fancy articles I should, if such permission were given, require importers to submit their requirements in detail on Import Licence application forms, and I should disallow all requests for goods other than those entirely free from ornamentation.

This procedure, coupled with a request to traders to limit sales as much as possible, might solve the problem without its being necessary to resort to the only definite form of control - rationing.

As a point of interest I submit figures showing imports of Apparel and Drapery for the past 3 years:-

	<u>Apparel.</u>	<u>Drapery etc.</u>
1939.	£4,235	£2,585
1940.	7,889.	4,299
1941.	12,169.	5,422.

Even allowing for increase in prices they suggest that hoarding on a considerable scale is going on.

A.H.A. Gauth.
20. 4. 42.

M.C.

C/A's minutes submitted, pls.

A.H.A.
Loic's
20/4/42

Not "hoarding", but limit its extravagance?
I had better see C.A. - as it seems to me we
could "quota" imports.

A.H.A.
21/4/42

Excerpted No 190/42.

~~C/Anth~~
To you, please.
S.W.A.
for CS.
21/4/42

~~Hon. Col. Sec.~~
I have seen Mr. E. this morning and have fully discussed the whole question.
Minute paper returned herewith.

Wb. Anth.
22-4-42.

~~Wb~~
Referred pl.
S.W.A.
for CS.
23/4/42 ✓

Excerpted to 190/42.

30. Circular telegram No. 64 of 25/4/42.

~~Comp. Authority~~
For necessary action, pl.
S.W.A.
for CS.
24/4/42.

~~Hon. Col. Sec.~~
So long as a reasonable quantity of fully manufactured basic garments is available (and a considerable number of these will probably be imported from Argentina) I respectfully submit that rayon pie goods are not essential to this colony.

As far as I can find out, about 90% of the rayon imported in the pie is used in the making of evening and dance frocks.

Should it be considered necessary, however, I will call upon all importers for schedules of essential requirements.

Wb. Anth.
28-4-42.

Y.C. Submitted, pl.

Does Your Excellency consider it necessary for the C.A. to take action as indicated in para. 3 of his minute over page?

Sh. J. C. S.
28/4/42

If Comp. A⁵ is satisfied no piece-goods (rayon) are required - telegraph to that effect. But I do not like the idea of retention on the Argentine, as we must curtail all exchange transactions. Question really is: are rayon piece-goods necessary for the low effort?

Sh. J. C. S.
29/4/42

Telegram No. 67. Recd. from S. of S. 28/4/42. 31.

Comp. Auth

H.C.'s minute above referred to you, pl.

Sh. J. C. S.
29/4/42

Hon. Col. Sec.

I agree that imports of apparel from South America should be avoided as far as possible, and even when permitted should be (a) limited, and (b) subject to strict control.

Regarding rayon piece goods, these would only be of importance to this colony were the supply of fully manufactured garments to be cut off or curtailed. At present, rayon piece goods are, as I pointed out in my previous minute, used almost entirely for the production of heavy clothing.

W. B. South.
29-4-42.

Y.C.

Y.C.'s minute re: red 30 - submitted, pl.

Ref. red 31. Govt. requirements of uniforms and other clothing (apart from military) are relatively small. However a departmental circular pointing out the need for strictest economy in this regard will be issued.

Sh. J. C. S.
30/4/42

Excerpted No 190/42.

190/42

32. Minute to Hon. F.S. Harbour Master, Chief Constable, Hon. S.M.O.,
re O/C Troops of 2. 5. 42.

33. Telegram No. 82. to S. of S. of 4/5/42.
P.A.

34. Misc. Telegram No. 76 from S. of S. of 14/5/42.

Comp. Authority

For your observations & necessary action pl.

[Signature]
14/5/42

Hon. Col. Sec.

35.
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37-38

I attach letters received from the principal importers of footwear. Messrs. Falkland Islands Co. and Messrs. McAtasney & Sedgwick have submitted their requirements, and Messrs. Estate Louis Williams have, by following their usual course of not doing what is asked of them, provided figures for the whole Colony. Messrs. Williams' estimate of requirements per annum for the whole Colony are as follows:-

Men's ...	1900 pairs.
Womens ..	1875 "
Children's.	2100 "

The combined requirements of Messrs. Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. and Messrs. McAtasney & Sedgwick are as follows:

Men's..	1550 pairs,
Women's..	2300 "
Children's..	2650 "

Assuming that Messrs. Williams have slightly underestimated the total requirements, and the other two firms have correspondingly overestimated their own, I would put the average annual requirements of footwear for the Colony as:-

Men's..	2000 pairs.
Womens..	2500 "
Children's..	3000 "

Of these, 100% can be obtained, if necessary, from South America, and the only specialised type - i.e. Riding Boots, can only be obtained from that source

[Signature]
Competent Authority.
21st. May, 1942

Draft telegram reply to (34) pl.

[Signature] 22/5/42

Refs 34 - 39. Excerpted and filed in M.P. 101/43.

Filed in M.P. 101/42

y.c. Draft reply to red 34 submitted, pl.

W. G. Smith
23/5/42.

Telegram No 109 to S. of S. of 27/5/42. 39.

Comp. Auth

W. G. Smith
27/5/42

Hon. Sec. Sec.

Noted, thank you. Traders will be duly informed.

W. G. Smith
28.5.42.

P.A.

Saving telegram No. 26 from S. of S. of 12. 5. 42. 40.

y.c. Referred as directed, pl.

W. G. Smith
6/7/42.

To Comp. Auth. f.n.a. W. G. Smith 7/11/42

Comp. Auth.

For necessary action, pl.
W. G. Smith
4/7/42.

Hon. Sec. Sec.

As the period covered by the allocation has expired, action controlling quantities will, I submit, have to be left to the U.K. authorities. Should the shortage persist (as it almost certainly will) I do not see how we are to postpone indefinitely rationing in some form or other. In this connection I would refer back to my minute of Sept. 22nd. 1941 (see folder at back of this file)

W. G. Smith
8-7-42.

y.c. C.A.'s minute submitted, pl.

W. G. Smith
8/7/42.

Returns for further saving telegram need this will be attached.

W. G. Smith 8/11/42

Accepted to 190/42.

Yf. S of S. Saving telegram No. 21 of 29/4/42.
filed in m.p. 46/41, attached pt. 8

W.A. Forcs
9/4/42.

To Comp. Auth. 10/11/42
[Signature]

c/a For your consideration in conjunction
with m.p. 46/41, pt. 8

W.A. Forcs
10/4/42

Hon. Sec. Sec.

My observations on S. of S. saving telegram no. 21 are
contained in my minute of 12-7-42 in 46/41, paras. 1-3.

W.A. Forcs
12-7-42.

Excerpted to 190/42

41. binc. telegram unnumbered from S. of S. of 14/7/42.

c/a (42)
Consec. 41, pt. 6.
W.A. Forcs
14/4/42.

Hon. Sec. Sec.

(43)
then, thank you,
W.A. Forcs
14-7-42.

Hon. Sec. Sec. (44)

Rationed clothing and tobacco
scheme. I have read through all the
documents concerned with this. I think
matters has fully covered. No matters
and I have no observations to make

[Signature]
D. C. Treacy 29-7-42

Hon. sec. sec.

(45)

The draft rationing scheme for clothing has been submitted to the Sec Treasury for his comments, as instructed, and is returned herewith.

W.B. Gault.
29-7-42.
(46)

Y/E.,

Two points strike me in regard to a clothes rationing scheme

- (1) It is ridiculous that we should have to add to our already heavy burden of work by setting up a complicated machinery of rationing in a Colony where control is or should be, so simple, and where the population is that of an English village.
- (2) No such steps would be necessary if the Traders would give that degree of co-operation which the war effort demands of them.

2. I gather that something must be done to ease the present situation. In the first place future shipments will probably be much curtailed. In the second place whenever a shipment of clothes arrives, even now, there is such a rush to buy that brawls sometimes occur in the shops. Certain lines are sold out in a few hours. Not only do some customers buy far more than they need so that other people have to go short, but, if the goods are placed on sale in mid-week, labouring people who are paid on Saturday find nothing left. Attempts have been made to get the Traders to adopt voluntary rationing, but without success. Yet voluntary rationing is now universal in many Empire countries. In South Africa, for instance, it is practised in regard to a great many lines of retail goods, including clothing. We should bring effective pressure on our Traders to fall into line.

3. If Y/E agrees with this view, I would propose to circularise the Traders pointing their duty out to them and warning them that if they cannot agree forthwith to co-operate by the voluntary rationing of clothing sales, we shall be compelled to introduce a rationing system which will not only add unreasonably to the difficulties of our war-time administration but will cause them themselves much inconvenience and extra work. We might add that the introduction of any such scheme would have to be accompanied by a full explanation to the public.

W.B.
Colonial Secretary.
30. 7. 42.

(47)

Possibly better than circularising the Traders would be to see them in a general meeting. This was done before & a sort of other set up - possibly MP S/43A/29 is preferable.
W.B. 4/11/42
(48)

A.C.S. M.P. referred to in (47) please ~~send~~
W.B. 4/8.

- Letter to Importers of 7. 8. 42. 49.
 - Letter to Mrs. A. L. Kiddle of 7. 8. 42. 50.
 - Letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 7. 8. 42. 51.
 - " from " " " 10. 8. 42. 52.
- W.B. 11/8/42.

(53)

Y.F.

I have interviewed the merchants & they have agreed to practise voluntary rationing in the sales of all ~~base~~ essential articles periodically or permanently in short supply. The Competent Authority is going to help them to coordinate the scheme & ensure uniformity. It is proposed to start the rationing before the arrival of the cargo (about Aug 21st). The cooperation of the public will be sought in the broadcast before the rationing begins.

RB
11/8
(54)

Thanks.

11/11/42

B.K.
19/8/42

Y.F.

Ref (41).

I have discussed this with the C. Auth. You will observe that the telegram refers only to cotton piece goods which do not vary appreciably in weight. No cotton piece goods are being imported from S.A. Local firms order from C.H. where all orders are referred to the Controller & presumably the equitable distribution will be done on that basis.

In these circumstances I do not think we need send a telegram.

Y.F.

RB
12/8

BK
19/8/42

C. Authority

I should be glad if you would report hereon progress as to voluntary rationing scheme

11/8
19/8/42

Hon. G.S.

(57)

A circular letter (RED 55) and a list of essential articles (RED 56) were sent to all traders on August 13th. Fourteen firms were approached, and so far seven replies have been received. I propose suspending action until the end of the week, to enable the remaining traders to submit their lists and comments, and then to average the suggested figures and to prepare a final schedule on which all shopkeepers will be expected to work.

W.B. Gault.

20-8-42.

RB

B.H.
5 p.m.

(60.)

Hon. G.S.

Final schedule of rationed quantities prepared as per RED 58 and transmitted to all traders today.

W.B. Gault.

27.8.42.

(61)

G.F.

You will be interested to see (58). I hope the scheme works.

RB
27/8.

(62)

Yes, I hope so too - the less foot, the better in our own English way.

W.B. Gault
27/8/42

Circular Telegram No. 154 from S. of S. of 2/10/42. 63.

(64)

H.C.S.

Send to C.P.A. for his information?

H.C.S.
5/10/42.

RB
5/10

See 20/10/42

Described to 19/10/42.

C.P.A.

(65)

Red (63) for your information, pl.

H.C.S.
26/10/42

H.B.S.

Noted, thank you.

(66)

W.B. Gault.

26.10.42.

(67)

H. b. l.

I attach copies of telegraphic correspondence passed between Messrs. Estate Louis Williams and their U.K. suppliers on the subject of cotton piece goods. This arose out of my refusing to allow this firm to import cotton piece goods from South America on the ground that an allocation of British supplies, to satisfy the essential needs of the Colony, had been made by the I. of State.

Messrs. Williams state that they have previously been informed by their suppliers that no quota of cotton piece goods has been allocated to this Colony, and that they cannot obtain export licences. In view of the provisions of Nos 41 and 53 of this file, may the I. of State be approached with a view to clarifying the position, please?

M. G. G. G.
20. 11. 42.

H. b. l.

(68)

In accordance with instructions Messrs. Williams have been informed that ^{an} allocation of cotton piece goods has been arranged for this Colony, and that should difficulty be experienced in obtaining supplies, they should advise their suppliers to approach the Colonial Office.

M. G. G. G.
27. 11. 42.

H.C.S.

(69)

I attach my files R.1. and R.2. containing, respectively, general rationing schemes for specified foodstuffs, and for certain articles of footwear and clothing.

Two separate schemes, governed by two separate orders, have been prepared, as the system of coupon books will, in the case of clothing, apply throughout the Colony whereas, in the case of foodstuffs, it will apply in Stanley only.

The schemes have been prepared in detail and are, I think, self-explanatory. The printing involved will be as follows:-

- ✓ FOODSTUFFS Notice no. R.1/1. (The Order) 70 copies. (1 for each trader, 1 for each Farm Manager, 5 Government copies.)
- ✓ Circular Letter to Stanley Traders: 15-20 copies. (These can be typed in my office.)
- ✓ Circular Letter to Camp Managers: 40 copies. (Roneo duplicating would be the best method.)

Excerpted to 190/42.

✓ Notice R.1/2. (For the general information of the Public.) 40 copies for posting in shops and public places. Here again Roneo duplicating would be best.)

Coupon Books: 3000 covers should be printed, and 1250 should contain full sets of coupons as per copy in R.1., the remaining 1750 containing clothing coupons only.

CLOTHING. Notice no. R.2/1 and Schedule. (The Order) 70 copies. (as for R.1/1 above.)

Notice no. R.2/2. Notice to the Public. 70 copies. (For circulation amongst Camp Stations, and for posting in public places.)

✓ Notice no. R.2/3. Notice to Importers: 60 copies. (For circulation amongst traders and Farm Managers. These could be Roneo-ed.)

✓ Circular Letter to Wholesale Importers etc. 15-20 copies. These could be typed in my office.

Schedule of Books issued in Camp Stations. 100 copies.

✓ Circular Letter to Managers of Farm Stations. 50 copies. (These could be Roneo-ed)

Coupon Books. See "Foodstuffs" above.

DISTRIBUTION. This has already been tentatively discussed.

*Note Details of Rationing
all on Camp Auth's & G*

M.M.
Competent Authority.
5.12.42.

Telegram from Secretary of State Unnumbered Circular 23/12/42.

70. } See 190/42.

*32.
To note (10) pl.
23/12/42*

Points to Hon. S.H.O. of 31.12.42.

71. J.A.

H.C.S.

(72).

I attach a request from Mr. G. Brechin, for special facilities to enable him to sell meals to members of H.M. Forces without being subject to rationing restrictions.

The present position is, that in accordance with the provisions of Order no. C.A.21, as amended by Order no. C.A.31(a), (copies of which are attached for information) traders are only allowed to supply meals composed of fresh meat, fresh fish, fresh vegetables (locally produced) and mineral waters (locally produced) to the troops. In actual fact I have received reliable, but unofficial information to the effect that this prohibition has, so far, been largely ignored by Mr. Brechin.

I respectfully submit that, should it be considered advisable to permit Mr. Brechin to continue selling meals to troops, he be limited to foods not subject to rationing. There is no reason why he should not provide an adequate menu from such available items as mutton, fresh fish, fresh vegetables, bread, butter, eggs, bacon, mineral waters, coffee, sweetened condensed milk, tinned fruit, jam, marmalade. The greater number of these items are obtained from South America, but I include them on the assumption that this Government will consider the policy of having available to troops an alternative entertainment to that offered by the public houses, to be more important than that of saving a relatively small amount of foreign exchange.

Supplies of Tea and Evaporated Milk are limited to minimum essential requirements of the civilian population: Sugar has occasioned difficulties in the immediate past, and is likely to occasion more in the future.

Competent Authority. 11.1.43.

(73)

M. Cau

be discussed. I agree generally. We can give coffee & condensed milk. It is raised question of importing sugar it can be allowed. Please see

Ann. KL
12/41

H. C. S.

(74)

I have seen Mr. Bachin, and he has agreed to limit his use of foodstuffs for his restaurant to those not subject to rationing. The question of sugar from local stores can, for the present, be left in abeyance.

W. G. L.

23. 1. 43

H.C.S.

(75)

I beg to report progress on the rationing scheme put into force on January 1st., 1943.

1. Four commodities have been rationed - Tea, Sugar, Evaporated Milk and Clothing (including Footwear). The first three items are subject to the following specific scale:-

Tea:	2 ounces per week per person.
Sugar:	10 " " " " "
Evap. Milk.	1 tin " " " "

Clothing is treated differently. Each person receives 66 coupons to cover one year's requirements. All essential clothing is covered by two scales of coupon equivalents - one for persons of 14 years and over, another for children under 14. Copies of the relevant orders and schedules are attached.

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2. Coupon books covering both rationed food and clothing have been issued to all persons in Stanley. In the Camp, ration books have been issued covering clothing only, and the distribution of rationed food has been made the responsibility of the Manager of each station, all supplies in bulk from Stanley being controlled by this Department. The ration of Sugar allowed to Camp residents has been fixed, by agreement with the Managers, at 1-lb. per week per person instead of at the Stanley rate of 10 oz. This is to cover such extra needs as the home baking of bread, and the feeding of persons passing along the various tracks. Tea and Evap. Milk rations are kept at the Stanley figure but Managers are empowered to issue small extra rations of tea to shepherds etc. who spend much of their time away from home gathering and tending sheep.

COUPONS

3. EXPECTANT MOTHERS. On production of a medical certificate as to her condition, an expectant mother is made a special grant of 50 coupons (childrens).

COUPONS

4. NEW-BORN BABIES. The number of coupons issued on the birth of a child is calculated at the rate of 5 coupons for every remaining month of the current year, including

the month in which the birth takes place.

5. EXTRA RATIONS.

(i) Jam Making. Three special issues for jam-making have been made, the first at the rate of one pound per person, the second at the rate of two pounds per person, and the current issue, which is subject to the applicant's satisfying the department as to the quantity of fruit that he or she has available for jam-making. In no case does the authorised quantity of extra sugar for the third issue exceed 14-lbs.

(ii) Outposts and Naval Watchkeepers. A double tea ration is allowed to five Defence Force Outposts (82 men) and H.M. W/T station (39 watchkeepers) amounting to a total extra issue of 60½-lbs monthly. The extra issue is granted on a written request from the relevant Officer in charge, and is not made to individual members of either force.

(iii) Bakers. Two Bakers (Messrs. Summers and Skilling) are each allowed 50-lbs. Sugar per week from local stocks for the maintenance of their businesses. Approximately half of that quantity goes into the baking of bread: the balance is used in the manufacture of cake.

(iv) Mineral Water Manufacturers. No issue from local stocks is permitted to Mineral Water manufacturers, but they are permitted to import Sugar on their own account for the upkeep of their businesses.

6. GENERAL. (i) On the whole, rationing has been accepted well. Traders have co-operated excellently, and there has been little grumbling from the Public at all, and none of any importance. Difficulties over the maintenance of stocks of Evaporated Milk have made it necessary to reserve existing supplies for small children, but the Public have accepted the position with surprisingly little complaint, and it is hoped that the 950 cases expected from the U.S.A. will soon restore the position.

(ii) Ten of the principal Camp stations - mainly on the West Falkland - have been recently visited by the Competent Authority, and ration books and information were distributed. The only places that have been neither visited nor completely informed of the rationing scheme are those small islands (i.e. Carcass, West Point, New Island and Weddell) to which no mail has gone since the opening of the year. These places will all be advised as soon as possible.

Taken on the whole, I submit that the position is, for the moment, reasonably satisfactory.

M.A.
Competent Authority.
16th. March, 1943.

~~(76)~~ (82)

Y.E.

To see (75). It is proposed to raise the sugar ration to 1 lb. when the Brazilian stock arrives. I have no comments to make on the rationing. Mr. Carr has carried out a relatively difficult job extremely well.

N.B.

17/3

Seen by H.F.

p.a.

Letter from W.H. Clement Esq. of 23. 4. 43. 83.

(84)

ca. For your comment on (83) pt.

W.H.C.
28/4/43.

H. B. S.

Red 83. 1. Adults may not use children's coupons and vice versa (a) because the scale for clothing is different in each case, and (b) because, in the case of families with large numbers of children, considerable abuse in the buying and re-selling of adult clothing would be bound to occur.

2. The annual quantity of coupons for children, taking into consideration the more generous scale by which it is ruled (which disposes of Mr. Clement's charge of "penalising" in para. 6.) is, as far as I know, an adequate one. No one else has complained.

3. If Mr. Clement knows of an instance where the law has been broken (his para. 5.) he should lay an information, and produce his evidence. In any case, his assertion is irrelevant.

4. In general, I would emphasize these facts:-

(a) Rationing is imposed to limit consumption, and to ensure a fair quantity for all. This aim is, from all that I hear locally, being reasonably achieved.

(b) The requirements of growing children are met by their being required to surrender only $\frac{2}{3}$ (approximately) of the number of coupons required for corresponding adult garments.

(c) In the case of material, children's garments do not require so much as adults', and less coupons, therefore, are called for.

(d) There is no reason why any one person should be accorded preferential treatment.

5. In conclusion, I would respectfully submit it as my opinion that Mr. Clement's letter is the result rather of chronic ill-temper and dislike of control, than of any wish to criticise constructively. If I may cease to be

official for one moment, I would state that I am the father of a child born within a fortnight of Mr. Clement's; that her issue of coupons was actually less than those made to Mr. C's child, and that they are proving more than adequate for her requirements.

W. G. Lenth.

Letter to W. H. Clement, Esq., of 28. 4. 43. 86. 29
" from " " " " 28. 5. 43. 87.

(88)

C.A. For comment p.l. KB 14/6.

(89)

H. B. L. The only comment that I can make to Red 87 is, that at no time did I tell any member of the public that adult coupons could be used for the purchasing of children's clothing. Such a procedure would, in view of the constitution of the whole system (especially when the ordering of fresh supplies by wholesalers is considered) be impracticable, and it is not the habit of this department to countenance a procedure likely to reduce the working of one of its own schemes to chaos.

W. G. Lenth.
16. 6. 43.

P.B.

Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 3. 8. 43. 90.
(90)

C.A. For your views on (90) please.

KB 4/8

H. B. L.

(92)

As stated verbally to the Col. Sec., this department has no desire to urge the continuing of the rationing of sugar so long as reasonable assurances that no future shortage will occur are received. I think that action on the lines suggested by the Col. Sec. - i.e. that the ration be lifted on the understanding that, should the colony's stocks at any time drop below ~~the~~ one year's supply, it would immediately be re-imposed - would provide the most satisfactory solution. I would strongly suggest, however, that no action be taken until the 175 tons in Montevideo, or at least a good proportion of it, ~~is~~ is actually in the colony.

W. G. Lenth. 4. 8. 43.

(93)

Y.F.

On the 24th July our stocks of sugar were:

Stanley. 84,919 lbs.
Camp. 140,742 lbs.
225,661 lbs.

2. C.A. agrees that normal unrationed consumption is about 1 1/2 lbs per head per week. The year's requirements on this basis are 202,800 lbs.

3. My recommendation is that we suspend the rationing of sugar as soon as stocks have been raised to 300,000 lbs or 18 months' supply at the unrationed consumption rate of 1 1/2 lbs per head per week, on the understanding that rationing will be reimposed at any time we consider it desirable.

R.B. 5/8

(94)

If a careful return of sugar stocks is kept so that we never sink below say 9 months' viable supply, there seems a good case for coming to ration. Pl. so inform F.I.C.'s manager + agree with C.A. necessary slips for which he has full authority and will accept responsibility.

R.B. 5/10/43

95 Letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 6/8/43.

(96)

Record 300,000 lbs + unsorted. Sugar rationing suspended as per above.

R.B. 2/11

(97)

Copy of relevant notes attached. W.B. Hall

x attached returns show
6 wks Stanley @ 1 lb. 36,400.
add 1/2 lb. 18,200
54,600.
6 wks "Camp" @ 1 1/2 lb. 46,800
6 wks. Camp @ 1 1/2 lb. 101,400
∴ 1 yr @ 1 1/2 lb. 202,800

Letter from Swager, F.I.C., of 14. 1. 44.

98.

(99)

C.A.

Pl. consult with D/A. & use the ammunition
to reply to para 1.

2. Pl. ask D/A. to provide ^{me with} the answers to
para 2.

MB

17. 1. 44

H.B.L.

(100)

uncontrolled

Re: 98, para. 1. The ^{uncontrolled} sale of pollard was stopped at the request of the D. of A. as he was of the opinion that the probable delay in the next sailing of the "Fitzroy" to Montevideo would result in a shortage, if not in the premature exhaustion, of stocks. The control was imposed to ensure supplies, as far as possible, to those engaged in essential production (i.e. dairies)

M.H. Gault.

18. 1. 44.

(101)

D. of A.

To you, in accordance with para. 2. of (99) above, please.

M.H. Gault.

18. 1. 44.

(102)

H.C.S.

① It is true that Mr G. Hansen is receiving pollard for his dairy cows through the Dept. at cost. This was begun in July 1943, after pollard had risen considerably in price, in an endeavour to keep the price of milk at its present level. Mr Hansen agreeing to sell milk at the same price as before, namely 4^d per pint. The pollard is all purchased by the Dept. & paid for from the Service Vote "Unallocated Store" & is a regular Govt. transaction.

② In the 3 months July - Sept Mr Hansen received
8 tons of pollard costing £5. 16. 8 per ton f.o.b. Monte.
in the 3 months Oct - Dec he received
8 tons of pollard costing £6. 12. 1. per ton f.o.b. Monte.

T.B.
for D. of A.
24. 1. 44.

103. Minute from Director of Agriculture of 3.2.44
(104)

The sale of articles ex govt. stores to the public has for long been in practice vide Estimates provision.

2. The particular case of pollard is covered by the above, but it has an especial importance + support in that it is a whole measure essential to the maintenance of local milk supply + cost of living.

[Signature] 5/2/44

105. Letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 5.2.44.
(106)

O/A
to note (105).

[Signature]
5.2.44

107
Notes were taken
[Signature]
8/2/44

108. Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 2.3.44.
(109)

O/A
to see (108). I should like to discuss at your convenience.

[Signature]
4.3.44

J.P.S. Please bring this up about 15th hour on my return from the Camp.

4/3/44
[Signature]

J.P.S. 25/3/44

Discussed with O/A

[Signature] 2/3/44

p.a.

Telegram from Mr Clement Jose Bay of 16.3.49

112

" to Mr Clement " " of 17.3.49

113

Rationing notice of March, 1949

114

10/11/49
18/2/49

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

3rd. September, 19 41.

From Competent Authority.

To Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The attached rationing scheme has been prepared in accordance with His Excellency's wishes. May it be submitted please?

W. Barr.
Competent Authority.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. ^{97.}~~98.~~ From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 20th October, 19 41. *Time:* 19.10.

Received: 21st October, 19 41. *Time:* 10.30.

Circular No. 260. Matches. Shortage of this commodity is very grave and if any measures of rationing or otherwise controlling consumption are practicable they should be adopted.

I.D.C.C.

Secretary of State.

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

26th. October. 1941.

Matches.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939 Part VI. section ⁴¹(1) (a), it is hereby ordered as follows:-

1. The sale of matches is prohibited for a period of three days, beginning to-morrow and ending at mid-night on October 29th.
2. All vendors of matches, ^{both} wholesale and retail shall
 - (a) register with the Competent Authority as such,
 - and (b) submit to the Competent Authority within twelve hours a full account in the form set out below of all stocks at present on hand, and details of all matches on order.

W. H. ...

Competent Authority.

Details of stocks etc.

No. of Pkts. in Stock.	No. of boxes in each pkt.	Country of the Origin.	Safety or Otherwise.	On Order.
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Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
26th. October. 1941.

Sir,

Information has been received to the effect that a very grave shortage of matches exists, and on instructions from the Secretary of State it has become immediately necessary to introduce a system of rationing in order to prolong, as far as possible, existing supplies.

2. A total interdiction of all match sales for the space of three days has therefore been ordered, (see attached copy of Notice G.A.S.) and a general survey of the Colony's stocks will be made during that period in order to ascertain the quantity to be allowed per week to each person.

3. Further details and regulations will be published as soon as this survey has been completed.

4. Your complete co-operation will be of great assistance, and will be much appreciated.

Competent Authority.

Copies Sent to:-

F.I.C.

F.L.C.

M.C.A. and S.

Stanley Arms.

Ship Hotel.

Globe Hotel.

Rose Hotel.

Canton.

Colony Club.

Palmer Club.

Ice-berg.

Working men's Club.

M.L.S. Agge.

(7)

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

ALL STATIONS EAST & WEST FALKLANDS.



LONDON REPORTS VERY GRAVE SHORTAGE MATCHES AND RATIONING HAS TO BE ENFORCED. IN STANLEY RETAILERS AND WHOLESALERS ARE TO BE REGISTERED AND CLUBS PUBLIC HOUSES AND CAMP STORES ARE INCLUDED IN THE FORMER. EACH CAMP STORE MAY FOR THE PRESENT INSTITUTE ITS OWN FORM OF RATIONING BUT MATCHES MAY NOT BE SOLD OFF THE CAMP OR TO NON-CAMP RESIDENTS. IN ORDER TO GUIDE THE STORES IN THIS THEY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT ORDERS ON STANLEY WHOLESALERS OR RETAILERS WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE CUT DOWN WHILST ORDERS DIRECT TO MANUFACTURERS ALTHOUGH PERMISSABLE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CAPABLE OF EXECUTION. WHEN SUBMITTING FRESH ORDERS IN STANLEY THE APPLICATION MUST BE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY AND SHOULD GIVE DETAILS OF (a) LAST ORDER WHETHER IN STANLEY OR OUTSIDE THE COLONY; (b) DATE OF (a); (c) QUANTITY OF (a); (d) STOCK IN HAND AT THE TIME OF PRESENT APPLICATION; (e) NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND ADULTS MALE AND FEMALE TO BE SERVED UNDER THE APPLICATION.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

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27 10 41

Trade.	Nbr of packets in stock.	Nbr. of boxes in each packet.	Country of Origin.	Safety or otherwise.	Total no of boxes in stock.	quantity on order
Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.	1216	12	U. K.	Safety	14,592	6000 gross boxes.
---		various.	U. K.	Wax Flamm.	14,520	---
---	nil.	nil.	India.	Safety.	nil.	1000 gross boxes.
Estate Louis Williams Ltd.	2916	12	S. Africa.	Safety.	34,992	to value £25,000
McIntasney Hedgwick	23	12.	U. K.	Safety.	276	40 gross boxes.
Globe Hotel.	15 ³ / ₂	12	S. Africa.	Safety.	159	nil.
Stanley Arms Hotel.	6	12	S. Africa.	Safety.	72	nil.
Ship Hotel.	13	12	U. K.	Safety.	156	nil.
Kore Hotel.	10	12.	U. K.	Safety.	120	nil.
Falkland bus.	8 ⁷ / ₂	12	U. K.	Safety.	103	nil.
Sam barto.	5	12.	S. Africa.	Safety.	60	nil.
A. L. S. Biggs.	162	12	U. K.	Safety.	1944	nil.
F. G. D. F. Carsten.	10	12	U. K.	Safety.	120	nil.
A. Martin.	5	12.	S. Africa.	Safety.	60	nil.
Jens Pedersen	3 ¹⁰ / ₂	12	U. K.	Safety.	46	nil.
Colony Club.	9	12	U. K.	Safety.	108	nil.
				<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>67,328</u>	

Stanley Match Stocks 27¹⁰/₄₁ 30th. 1941.

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No.....

RATION BOOK

for

MATCHES

issued to.....

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C. Authority.

1	4	7	10		22	19	16	13
2	5	8	11		23	20	17	14
3	6	9	12		24	21	18	15

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
29th. October, 1941.

Sir,

Further to my communication of October 26th. on the subject of Matches, I enclose copy of an order fixing the allowance for consumption during the six months ending 30th. April 1942, at two packets, or twenty-four boxes for each person of either sex aged eighteen or over. You will note, also, that no further deliveries or sales other than those provided for in paragraph 4. may be made except on surrender of the proper number of coupons.

2. I would ask you particularly to see that orders accompanied by loose coupons are refused. The proper procedure will be for the purchaser to produce his book to the trader, and for the trader to cut out the relevant number of coupons.

3. Matches may be supplied in any quantity up to a maximum of two dozen boxes, provided that the proper number of coupons is surrendered with the order.

4. Orders from retailers (i.e. public houses, hotels, clubs and Camp stations) or wholesale firms in Stanley should be passed through this office, and should not be accepted or delivered unless countersigned by me. Only orders from traders properly registered as required by Government Notice C.A.2. para. 2 (a) will be considered and passed.

5. Orders from public houses etc. should be accompanied by all the coupons collected by the trader up to the date of ordering. This does not apply to Camp requisitions.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Competent Authority.

Sent to:-

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| The Manager, F.I.C. | The Secretary, Falkland Club. |
| The Manager, E.L.W. | The Manager, F.I.D.F. Canteen. |
| McAtasney & Sedgwick. | Mr. A.L.S. Biggs. |
| The Manager, Globe Hotel. | Mr. A. Martin. |
| The Manager, Ship Hotel. | Mr. Jens Pedersen. |
| The Manager, Stanley Arms. | The Bar Secretary, Colony Club. |
| The Manager, Rose Hotel. | The Master, M.F.A.San Casto. |

C. 3.

11.

Government Notice.

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
25th. October 1941.

Matches.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939, Part VI. section 41 (1) (a), it is hereby ordered as follows:-

1. Commencing on Thursday October 30th. 1941, the quantity of matches allowed for consumption during the six months ending 30th. April 1942, will be two packets or two dozen boxes for each person of either sex aged 16 or over.
2. No matches may hereafter be either sold or delivered except on surrender of the proper number of coupons.
3. Ration books containing twenty-four coupons, each representing one box of matches, will be issued at this office on Thursday, October 30th. between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on subsequent days, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, during ordinary office hours.
4. Persons unable or not wishing to attend in person at the office for their ration books may in writing appoint another person to draw books for them. Such persons should frame their applications as under:-
 I-----hereby appoint-----to receive a ration book for matches on my behalf.
 Full name of applicant-----
 Address-----
 Date of birth-----
5. Matches may be purchased in any quantity up to the maximum of two dozen boxes provided that the correct number of coupons is surrendered with the order; but it must be clearly understood that once the 24 coupons in the ration book are exhausted, no further purchases of matches may be made until the issue of fresh coupons on May 1st. 1942.
6. Ration books will not be issued to Camp residents, who should apply for supplies to the Manager of their Station; but visitors to Stanley will be issued with sufficient coupons to cover the period of their stay on application to the Competent Authority.

W. H. Bass

Competent Authority.

All you please assist by posting this notice in a prominent place on your premises.

(12)

GOVERNMENT
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

ALLSTATIONS EAST AND WEST FALKLANDS.



MY TELEGRAM RE MATCHES. ALLOWANCE FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING 30th.
APRIL 1942 FIXED HERE AT TWO PACKETS OR TWENTY-FOUR BOXES TO
EACH PERSON OF EITHER SEX AGED 18 OR OVER. PLEASE ARRANGE
ACCORDINGLY IN YOUR AREA.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

Time

D.R.M.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
75	Stanza	44	8.15	31.10.41

To

Competent Authority, Stanley.

UNLESS YOU BELIEVE THAT OUR WORKERS REQUIRE AT
 LEAST THREE TIMES YOUR STATED ALLOWANCE MOST EMPLOYERS HERE MAKING
 OWN CIGARETTES AVERAGE TWO PACKETS A MONTH. I EARNESTLY HOPE THERE
 IS NO ORDER FORBIDDING TO SMOKE TOBACCO.

BARTON.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

BARTON. PEBBLE ISLAND.



YOUR TELEGRAM RE MATCHES. POSITION HERE SERIOUS. CAN
GUARANTEE NO FURTHER SUPPLIES EXCEPT ON BASIS LAID DOWN IN
MY TELEGRAM OF OCT. 29. IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO RATION THE
SUBJECT OF YOUR LAST REMARKS AT PRESENT.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

h. h.
31-10-41

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
27	She Bay	40	11.30	31.10.41

To

Commandant Authority, Stanley.

YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED ADVISORY FOR ISSUING LIVING IN LONELY CAMP OPTIM
 BEING EIGHT HOURS OR MORE PER DAY ALLOWANCE OF UP TO THREE POUNDS
 PER WEEK AND SEVEN MATCHES PER DAY IS GRANTING APPLICANT PLEASE REPLY.

FOLK ISLANDS.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

POINT ENNIS. PORT HOWARD.



YOUR TELEGRAM MATCHES. OWING TO SERIOUSNESS OF POSITION
~~REMARK~~ CANNOT GUARANTEE FURTHER SUPPLIES EXCEPT ON BASIS LAID DOWN.
 SUGGEST MORE DRASTIC SACRIFICES IN MAIN SETTLEMENT MIGHT
 RELEASE GREATER ALLOWANCE FOR CAMP DWELLERS. SHOULD FURTHER
 SUPPLIES ARRIVE POSITION WILL BE REVIEWED.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

AM

Time

17

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
10	Fox Bay	22	20.30	4.11.41

To

Competent Authority, Stanley.

AM I COMPELLED TO ADOPT STANLEY RATE OF MATCH RATIONING IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR RECEIVING FRESH STOCKS.

MILLER.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To



HILLING. ROY COVE. *Forby*

YOUR TELEGRAM RE MATCHES. FURTHER SUPPLIES FROM STANLEY STOCKS
 WILL ONLY BE SANCTIONED ON THE BASIS LAID DOWN IN MY TELEGRAM
 OF OCTOBER 29th. AS FURTHER SUPPLIES FROM U.K. ARE EXTREMELY
 UNLIKELY IN THE NEAR FUTURE IT WILL BE IN YOUR OWN INTERESTS
 TO ADHERE TO THE SCALE.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

AM

Time

Match stocks.

(19)

No. of boxes in stock 30th 41. 67,328 (RED 8)

891 ration books issued to date covering:- 21,206 boxes.

{ 876 @ 24 compms
1 @ 22 "
13 @ 12 "
1 @ 4 " }



46,122 = balance.

add 4 imports Nov. 1941.

48,468

94,590 boxes = balance in hand.

Increase of 100%.

Present stocks 94,590 boxes.
increase for current period 21,206 "
73,384 " = stock 30.4.42.

Rate per 6 months = 42,412.

∴ stocks at this rate will last until
30.12.42.

Increase of 50%.

Present stocks 94,590 boxes.
increase for current period 10,603 "
83,987 " = stock 30.4.42.

Rate per 6 months = 31,809.

∴ stocks at this rate will last until 31.8.43.

These figures are based on the assumption that Camp Stations have sufficient stocks to maintain their own supplies without calling on Stanley.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To	WESTERN DOCK BAY.	THE MANAGER,	PORT SAN CARLOS.	

ARRIVAL OF FRESH SUPPLIES HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO
 DOUBLE THE MATCH RATION IN STANLEY. YOU MAY INCREASE
 YOURS IN THE ACCORDINGLY.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

L. G.
 29-11-41

Time

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
3rd. December, 1941.

Sir,

A grave shortage of matches, and extremely doubtful chances of further supplies' arriving in the near future have made it necessary to introduce rationing into the Colony.

The quantity of matches that will be allowed until further notice will be two packets or twenty-four boxes for each person aged 18 or over for each period of three months, and I must ask you to limit your issues accordingly. Orders for further supplies must be passed through me, and must provide the following information:-

- 1. Date of last order and quantity purchased.
- 2. Stock still in hand.
- 3. No. of persons aged 18 or over on station.

Should further supplies arrive in the Colony, the position will be immediately reviewed.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

Competent Authority.

Sent to the Managers:-

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Johnson's Harbour. | New Island. |
| Port Louis North. | Saunders Island. |
| West Point Island. | Sea Lion Island. |
| Weddell Island. | |

U.A.G.

Government Notice.

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

1st. December, 1941.

Notice.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939 part VI, section 41 (1) (a), it is hereby ordered that the Order governing the rationing of ~~meat~~ (Government Notice of 30th. October, 1941) be amended as follows:-

- 1. Section 2. delete "six months ending 30th. April 1942", and insert "three months ending January 31st 1942".
- 2. Section 3. delete "May 1st 1942" and insert "February 1st. 1942".

Altham.
Competent Authority.

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
30th. January, 1942.

Sir,

Matches.

Further stocks of matches having arrived in the Colony it has been decided as from February, 1st. 1942 to rescind the order instituting a rationing scheme.

You may, therefore, sell matches after that date without production of coupons, and without further reference to this department.

I would ask you, however, to bear in mind the power conferred on all importers under Competent Authority's notice dated 3rd. October, 1941, and to refuse orders which are, in your opinion, unduly large.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Competent Authority.

Sent to:-

The Chief Storekeeper, West Store Office.

The Managers,

Estate Louis Williams.

Globe Hotel,

Ship Hotel.

Rose Hotel.

Stanley, Arms.

F.I.D.F. Canteen.

~~THE SECRETARY~~

The Par Secretary, Colony Club.

The Mster, M.F.A. San ^{Casto.} ~~Casto.~~

Mr. A.L.S. Biggs.

Mr. A. Martin.

Mr. Jens Pedersen.

Mc. Atasney & Sedgwick.

Office of the Competent Authority,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

30th. January, 1942.

Sir,

Further supplies of Matches having arrived in the Colony it has been found possible to rescind as from February 1st. the Order instituting a rationing scheme. You may, therefore, revert to your normal system of distribution always bearing in mind the fact that strict economy should be practised in the use or consumption of all imported articles.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Competent Authority.

Sent to the Managers.

West Point Island.

Salvador.

Weddell Island.

New Island.

Sea Lion Island.

Rincon Grande.

PROK
STANDARD
AGENTS

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

30th. January, 1942.

Sir,

Matches.

I beg to inform you that, further supplies
having arrived in the Colony, it has been
decided to rescind the order instituting
rationing of matches, as from February 1st. 1942.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Competent Authority.

The Naval Officer in Charge.
Stanley.

The Master,
San Casto.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To				
	Posters, Fox Bay.	Manager, Pebble Island.	Cameron, San Carlos.	



ARRIVAL OF FURTHER SUPPLIES HAS JUSTIFIED THE RESCINDING OF THE ORDER INSTITUTING RATIONING OF MATCHES. YOU MAY THEREFORE REVERT TO YOUR NORMAL SYSTEM OF DISTRIBUTION BEARING IN MIND THE FACT THAT AS A STRICT AN ECONOMY AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN THE USE OR CONSUMPTION OF ALL IMPORTED ARTICLES.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY.

Teal Hall
 Long Las Station
 Port Louis.
 Darwin
 San Carlos (Bonna)
 Johnson's Harbour
 (pw Port Louis)

} notified by phone
 30.1.42.

L. L.
20/1/42

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
30th. January, 1942.

M A T C H E S.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939 Part VI section 41 (1) (a) it is hereby ordered that Order C.A.3. dated October 29th 1941, as amended by Order C.A.6. dated 1st. December 1941, instituting a system of rationing for Matches, be rescinded as from 1st. February, 1942.

A. R. Carr
A. R. CARR.

Competent Authority.

82/41.

7th August,

42.

Sir,

I should be extremely grateful if you could come to a meeting in my Office on Tuesday next at 10.00 a.m., for consultation regarding certain questions to do with the distribution of retail goods. I shall much appreciate your assistance and co-operation in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager, E.L.W.,
The Manager, Mc. & Sedg.,
Mr. L. Hardy.
Mr. W. H. Sedgwick,
STANLEY.

82/44.

7th August, 42.

Madam,

I should be extremely grateful if you, or if you prefer, your representative, could come to a meeting in my office on Tuesday next at 10.00 a.m., for consultation regarding certain questions to do with the distribution of retail goods. I shall much appreciate your assistance and co-operation in this matter.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,
Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. A. I. Kiddle,
STANLEY.

82/14.

7th August, 42.

Sir,

I should be extremely grateful if you, or if you prefer, your Chief Storekeeper, could come to a meeting in my Office on Tuesday next at 10.00 a.m., for consultation regarding certain questions to do with the distribution of retail goods. I shall much appreciate your assistance and coöperation in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.The Manager,
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.

MEMORANDUM.

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10th August, 1942.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.,
STANLEY.

To The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 82/41 dated the 7th inst.

Our Chief Storekeeper, Mr. T.W.Campbell, will attend the meeting regarding retail distribution at your office at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday.

I shall also endeavour to attend if possible.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

John W. ...
Manager.

Madam,

The unsatisfactory position regarding stocks of certain essential articles, has made some form of control of sales necessary in the Colony, to ensure fair treatment and adequate supplies for all.

3. At a meeting of representative traders held in the Office of the Colonial Secretary on Tuesday, August, 11th., it was pointed out that introduction of a Government rationing scheme would involve such unnecessary expenditure, considerable extra labour and a great deal of inconvenience to the trader. In order to avoid these evils, and at the same time to provide for a fairer distribution of essential articles, particularly of clothing, it was suggested that traders should themselves impose an unofficial rationing scheme, and that the quantity of each article to be sold to any one customer from any one shipment should be agreed by all, and strictly adhered to.

4. To this end I enclose herewith a tentative list of essential articles for your consideration. I should be glad if you would (a) insert in the column opposite each item, the quantity that you consider a fair ration to any one person ~~at~~ ^{at any one time,} (bearing in mind the possibility of each person ~~not~~ ^{not} limiting his purchases to one shop, but buying the same ^{quantity} from each shop that has stocks), and (b) add any comments or suggestions of your own, which you consider would assist the smooth running of the scheme.

5. These lists should be returned to me as soon as possible, and from your suggestions a final list will be prepared and transmitted to you, on which you will be expected to work.

6. Camp requirements present problems somewhat different from Stanley's and for the present it is suggested that traders use their own discretion in filling camp orders.

7. It is emphasized that the scheme will only succeed if all traders adopt it unanimously, and abide strictly by its provisions. It is not intended, at present, to take any government action enforcing the system, but it is pointed out that traders deliberately refusing to co-operate may render themselves liable to a refusal of any applications received from them for Import Licences authorising further purchases.

I am,

Madam,
Your obedient servant.

Competent Authority.

MEN.

WOMEN.

CHILDREN.

MISCELLANEOUS.

~~56~~ 56
NO

ARTICLE.

NO.

ARTICLE.

NO.

ARTICLE.

NO.

ARTICLE.

NO.

BOOTS.
BOOTS. (RUBBER)
COLLARS.
GLOVES.
HANDKERCHIEFS.
MACKINTOSHES.
OVERALLS)
(DUNGAREE))
OVERCOATS.
PANTS.
SHIRTS.
SHIRTS (WORKING)
SUITS.
SHOES.
SOCKS.
TIES.
TROUSERS.)
(WORKING))
TROUSERS)
(FLANNEL))
VESTS.

BLOUSES.
BRASSIERES.
BOOTS. (RUBBER)
COATS.
CORSETS.
DRESS LENGTHS)
COTTON (NOT FOR)
EVENING FROCKS))
DRESS LENGTHS)
(WOOLLEN))
ELASTIC.
FROCKS (NOT EVEN-)
ING)))
GLOVES.
HANDKERCHIEFS.
JUMPERS.
KNICKERS.
KNITTING WOOL.
OVERALLS (PLAIN)
SANITARY TOWELS.
SANITARY BELTS.
SHOES (NOT EVEN-)
ING)))
SKIRTS.
SLIPS.
SHOCKS.
STOCKINGS.
SUSPENDER BELTS.
VESTS.

BOOTEES.
BOOTS. (RUBBER)
FROCKS.
FREDERS.
KNITTING WOOL.
LEGINETTE SETS.
LIBERTY BODICES.
MITTS.
NAPKINS.
PANTS.
PANTS (RUBBER)
PANTICOATS.
SOCKS.
SHOES.
SUITS (KNITTED)
VESTS.

BLANKETS.
COTTON THREAD)
(BLACK & WHITE)
DARNING WOOL.
SHIRTS.
SOAP POWDERS.
TABLE CLOTHS.
TEA TOWELS.
PILLOW SLIPS.

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ARTICLE.	M.	W.	C.	MIS.	ARTICLE.	M.	W.	C.	MIS.
Blankets (pairs.)				1	Pants.	2			3
Blouses.		1			Pants (rubber)				1
Boots.	1		1		Petticoats or Slips.		2		2
Boots (rubber)	1	1	1		Pillow Slips.				2
Bootees.				2	Pyjamas or Nightdresses.	2.	2		2
Brassieres.			1		Sanitary Towels (doz.)			2	
Coats or Overcoats.	1	1	1		do. Belts.			1	
Collars.	3				Sheets (pairs.)				1
Corsets.		1			Shirts.	2			2
Cotton Thread (reels)				4	Shirts (working)	2			
Darning Wool. (skeins)				3	Shoes (not evening)	1	1		2
Dress Lengths (cotton)		1			Skirts.		1		1
do. (wool)		1			Smocks.			2	
Elastic. (cards)				2	Soap Powders (Pkts.)				1
Feeders.				2	Socks.	3			3
Frocks (not evening)		1	2		Stockings.		2		2
Gloves.	1	1	1		Suits.	1	1		1
Handkerchiefs.	3	3	3		Suits (knitted)				1
Jumpers.			2	2	Suspender Belts.		1		
Knickers.			2	3	Table Cloths.				1
Knitting Wool (lbs.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1		Tea Towels.				2
Leggnette Sets.				1	Ties.	2			1
Liberty Bodices.				2	Trousers.	1			1
Mackintoshes.	1	1	1		Trousers (working)	1			
Mitts.	1	1	2		Vests.	2	2		3
Napkins (doz.)				$1\frac{1}{2}$					
Overalls (plain or dungaree)	2	2	2						

Column "M" represents the ration for Men.
 " " "W" " " " " " Women.
 " " "C" " " " " " Children,
 " " "MIS." " " " " miscellaneous articles.

Office of the Competent Authority, (59)

Stanley, Falkland Islands,

27th. August, 1942.

Madam,

Further to my letter of the 13th. inst: on the subject of voluntary rationing of certain articles, I enclose a final schedule which has been prepared from the lists submitted by traders.

It is hoped that you will take all reasonable steps (a) to limit sales at any one time to the quantities shown in the schedule, and (b) to discourage abuses made possible by the necessarily elastic form of the scheme.

Your active co-operation will be much appreciated.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

Competent Authority.

Sent to:

The Chief Storekeeper, West Store Office.

The Manager, Messrs. E. L. Williams.

Messrs. McAtasney & Sedgwick.

Mr. W. H. Sedgwick.

Mr. Les. Hardy.

Mr. A. Hall.

Mr. A. Martin.

Mrs. Short.

Mrs. A. L. Kiddle.

Mrs. C. Gleadell.

Mrs. F. F. Lellman.

Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. C. McLaren.

Mrs. A. Hardy.

No. _____

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

31st December, 19 42.

From

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

The Senior Medical Officer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

With reference to your recent discussions with the Competent Authority and myself regarding the rationing of evaporated milk, I enclose an extract from a broadcast given last night by the Competent Authority.

2. There are 1,500 tins of evaporated milk available and these will only be sold on production of a certificate from you. In regard to future supplies I can only tell you that ample stocks were ordered last June from Washington and that the order was placed by the Supply Mission there on the 24th November "for delivery to the ship within two weeks". No further advice has been received. Who should or should not receive rations of evaporated milk pending the arrival of these supplies will be entirely at your discretion.

3. The surplus supply of fresh milk has now all been taken up, but the Competent Authority is asking suppliers to cut down sales where possible in order to make more fresh milk available for children. I will keep you advised of further developments in regard to this.

Colonial Secretary.

N.1/4.
N.2/4.

G O V E R N M E N T N O T I C E .

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Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27th. December, 1942.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1938 part VI, section 41 (1) (a), the sale of the articles scheduled below is prohibited from December 27th. 1942 until December 31st. 1942, both dates inclusive, except on production by the purchaser of a permit issued from the above office and bearing the stamp of the Competent Authority's Department.

S C H E D U L E .

1. Tea.
2. Evaporated Milk.
3. Clothing.
4. Footwear.

(Signed) A.H.Carr.

Competent Authority.

For your information.

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
31st December, 1942.

RATIONING OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.

- In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939, part VI section 41 (1) (a), it is hereby ordered as follows :-
1. All persons dealing by wholesale or by retail in clothing and/or footwear, shall register as such with the Competent Authority.
 2. The sale of the articles enumerated in schedule 1. hereunder shall be prohibited except on the surrender by the purchaser of the number of coupons shewn against each article.
 3. Coupons may be obtained at the Office of the Competent Authority on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon.
 4. The number of coupons issued to each man, woman and child shall be 66, representing one year's supply of clothing. Exceptional cases will be determined on their merits, and extra coupons may be allowed at the discretion of the Competent Authority.
 5. Persons of the age of fourteen years and upwards shall be considered as adults. All others shall count as children.
 6. Coupons shall be issued to members of the civil population, members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and, in special circumstances, to naval personnel.
 7. Coupons can only be used by the person in whose name they are issued.
 8. The buying and selling of coupons shall be strictly prohibited.
 9. Alterations to Schedule 1. may be made at the discretion of the Competent Authority.

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SCHEDULE 1.

Number of Coupons Needed.

<u>Men and Boys.</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child.</u>
Unlined mackintosh, cape.	9.	7.
Other mackintoshes, raincoats, overcoats.	16.	11.
Coat, jacket, blazer and like.	13.	8.
Waistcoat, pullover, cardigan, jersey.	5.	3.
Trousers, (other than fustian or corduroy) breeches, kilt.	8.	6.
Fustian or corduroy trousers	5.	5.
Shorts	5.	3.
Overalls, dungarees and like	6.	4.
Dressing-gowns, bathing-gowns	8.	6.
Night-shirt, pair pyjamas	8.	6.
Shirt or combinations-woollen	8.	6.
" " other material.	5.	4.
Other undergarments, athletic vest, bathing costume, child's blouse.	4.	2.
Pair of socks or stockings, bathing trunks.	3.	1.
Collar, tie, pair of cuffs.	1.	1.
Two handkerchiefs, knee caps, ankle supports.	1.	1.
Scarf, pair of gloves, or mittens.	2.	2.
Pair of slippers or goloshes.	4.	2.
Pair of boots or shoes.	7.	3.
Pair of leggings, gaiters, spats.	3.	2.
<u>Women and Girls.</u>	<u>Adult.</u>	<u>Child.</u>
Unlined mackintosh, cape.	9.	7.
Other raincoats, coats (over 28½in. in length), and like.	14.	11.
Jacket, blazer, short coat.	11.	8.
Dress, gown, frock, and like if woollen.	11.	8.
" " " other material	7.	5.
Gym. tunic, girls skirt with bodice	8.	6.
Blouse, sports shirt, jumper, bed jacket.	5.	3.
Skirt, divided skirt.	7.	5.
Slacks.	8.	8.
Shorts.	5.	3.
Furs, ties and like.	5.	5.

Women and Girls	Adult.	Child.
Overalls, dungarees and like.	6.	4.
Apron, pinafore.	3.	2.
Dressing-gown, bathing-gown.	8.	6.
Pyjamas.	8.	6.
Nightdress.	6.	5.
Petticoat, slip, combinations, caniknickers.	4.	3.
Other undergarments.	3.	2.
Pair of stockings	2.	1.
Pair of socks (ankle length).	1.	1.
Collar, tie, pair of cuffs.	1.	1.
Two handkerchiefs	1.	1.
Scarf, pair of gloves, mittens, muff.	2.	2.
Pair of goloshes.	4.	2.
Pair of slippers, boots, shoes, (including overshoes).	5.	3.
Pair of leggings, gaiters.	3.	2.

Dressmaking Material.

When cloth is bought for dressmaking or other purposes, the number of coupons required will depend on the width of the material. There is one scale for wool and a rather lower scale for cloth made from cotton, or other material. Where the scale shews a fraction of a coupon, the purchase, it is advised, should be "rounded up" to the nearest whole coupon.

Cloth.

Coupons needed for a yard.

Width.	Wool §	other cloth except jute.
Not over 3 in.	Exempt.	Exempt.
3 in. - 9 in.	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{3}$
9 in. - 15 in.	1	2 $\frac{2}{3}$
15 in. - 21 in.	$1\frac{1}{2}$	1
21 in. - 27 in.	2	2 $1\frac{1}{3}$
27 in. - 33 in.	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2 $1\frac{2}{3}$
33 in. - 39 in.	3	2
39 in. - 45 in.	$3\frac{1}{2}$	2 $2\frac{1}{3}$
45 in. - 51 in.	4	2 $2\frac{2}{3}$
51 in. - 57 in.	$4\frac{1}{2}$	3

§ Cloth containing more than 15 per cent. of wool.

Hand knitting wool, 1 coupon for 2 oz.

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
December, 1942.

RATIONING.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939, part VI, section 41 (1) (a) and (c), it is hereby ordered as follows:-

A. ^{FOR} STANLEY.

1. All persons dealing, either by wholesale or by retail, in the articles enumerated in Schedule 1 hereunder, shall register accordingly with the Competent Authority.
2. The sale by retail of articles enumerated in the Schedule shall be prohibited except on the surrender by the purchaser of a coupon or coupons issued from the Office of the Competent Authority, representing the quantity to be purchased, and made out in the purchaser's name.
3. The quantities of each rationed commodity to be allowed per week to each person shall be as shown in the Schedule.
4. The quantities may be varied from time to time as circumstances, in the opinion of the Competent Authority, so demand.
5. Coupon Books shall contain sufficient coupons to cover one year's rations. The sale of any rationed article to any person during the first six months of the rationing year shall not exceed a quantity covered by one half of the coupons issued to that person.
6. Increased rations may be granted on medical grounds on production to the Competent Authority of the relevant certificate signed by the Senior Medical Officer.
7. The issue of a permit authorising sale, purchase or consumption for essential purposes of a quantity of any rationed articles in excess of the figure shown in Schedule 1, may be made at the discretion of the Competent Authority.
8. Coupon Books shall be issued to members of the civil population, members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and to Naval personnel who do not draw rations from Naval Stocks.
9. The sale, by wholesale, of rationed foodstuffs shall be prohibited except with the written permission of the Competent Authority, issued to a registered wholesaler.
10. The movement of stocks of rationed foodstuffs from Stanley to Camp stations and vice versa shall be prohibited, except with the written permission of the Competent Authority.
11. Retailers and Wholesalers shall keep such records of stocks and sales of rationed articles as the Competent Authority shall require, and such records shall be available at all times for inspection by the Competent Authority.

B. FOR CAMP STATIONS AND SETTLEMENTS OTHER THAN STANLEY.

1. The sale of rationed foodstuffs in settlements other than Stanley shall be prohibited except on the authority of the Manager.
2. The quantities of each rationed commodity to be allowed per week to each person shall be the same as in Stanley.
3. The Manager may, at his discretion, permit the issue of a larger quantity of any rationed commodity should such an issue be considered essential for the life of the community. In all such cases, a record should be kept for the information of the Competent Authority.

4. The Manager of each station shall, if and when requested by the Competent Authority, produce figures relating to the number of persons in the area under his control, and to the stocks of any rationed commodity on hand or expected.

5. Order no. S2/1 of November 24th., imposing restrictions on the sale of sugar, is hereby cancelled.

Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE 1.

Tea: 2 ounces.

Sugar: 10 5 ounces.

Evaporated Milk: 1 tin.

*Packe Brothers & Co. Limited.*FOX BAY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

23rd. April, 1943.

Sir,

I have to address you in connection with the question of clothing coupons.

2. Mrs. Creamer is acting for my wife and holds the coupon books for Mrs. Clement and our infant daughter.

3. By last mail Mrs. Clement enclosed an order for a firm in England for infants clothing and there not being enough coupons in our daughter's book, some of my wife's coupons were presented to make up the difference. Mrs. Creamer was informed by the Competent Authority that this was not allowable, with the result that the order was returned to us, and it would seem that we shall have to wait until next year when we shall be entitled to receive another book in our daughter's name.

4. I wish to point out that these clothes will be needed next winter and it may take anything from six to nine months to obtain the articles contained in the order, and that therefore it is from our point of view an urgent necessity that this order goes through.

5. It seems to me to be an extraordinary ruling or interpretation of the regulations, that a family may not use their coupons collectively, especially in an isolated country such as this, for I know that

it is permissible within the United Kingdom, and I also know that a certain person in Stanley purchased clothing for another person's child, and presented adult coupons which were accepted, but it seems that we are not allowed to use our personal coupons for our own child, the situation verges on the ridiculous, if it were not, as in this case somewhat serious.

6. I hope that you will be good enough to look into this matter for me, the fact that a growing child needs more clothing than most adults seems to have been lost sight of, and I am of the opinion that if people with families are to be penalised in this way, and especially in an isolated country such as this is, then some alteration should be made in the existing ruling.

7. I trust that I have made myself clear, and that you will be so good as to clarify the situation as a whole, and I enclose details of the issue under review.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. Cleat

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

82/41.

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30th April,

43.

Sir,

Red 83

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 23rd April, regarding clothes rationing.

2. Adult members of the same family are in fact permitted to pool their coupons, but I am afraid it has not been found possible to extend this privilege to the children partly because the scale of rationing for them is different and partly to prevent abuse by parents who have large families. I regret that these restrictions should be causing you anxiety but the following considerations may relieve you of some of your fears. First perhaps you do not appreciate that the ration scale for children's manufactured clothing is more liberal by approximately one third than that applied to adults and that a similar advantage is given them in the case of home-made clothes because less material is used. (I understand that you have been given a copy of the scale). The second consideration is that there is now no need for you to buy your children's clothes in the United Kingdom should the inevitable delay in delivery be causing you anxiety. Import licences for clothing to be bought in Uruguay are now being granted and latest quotations show the prices to be reasonable. If you have insufficient coupons available this year, you can place a supplementary order in Montevideo in January to be sure of getting the clothes by the winter.

3. No other complaints have been received and the rationing scheme on the whole seems to be working well. The children's scale is generally accepted as adequate for essential needs. If you know of a definite case of infringement of the law it would be of assistance if you would place the information in your possession in the hands of the police.

4. I am sorry that I cannot do more to help you, but I hope that the information I have given to you will set your mind at rest.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

W. H. Clement, Esq.,
Fox Bay,
WEST FALKLAND.

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PACKE BROS. & COMPANY, LIMITED.

(HEAD OFFICE: 3 LAURENCE POUNTNEY HILL, LONDON, E.C.4.)

BENTLEY'S CODE.

FOX BAY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.



28th. May, 1943.

Red 86.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your No. 82/41. of 30th. April in connection with clothes rationing.

2. The contents of your letter are noted particularly paragraph 2. and I admit that abuse could most certainly occur if parents were permitted to appropriate childrens coupons for their own use, but I fail to see how the use of the parent's coupons for their own children could constitute an abuse in the accepted sense of the word.

3. The Competent Authority, when on the West in the summer, informed us and also Messrs. Harding, Luxton and Miller, that parents were allowed to use their coupons for their children, but that children's coupons could not be used by adults, so naturally I queried his sudden change of front when informed by Mrs. Creamer that our coupons were not allowed to be passed on behalf of our daughter.

4. With regard to paragraph 3, of your letter I have to inform you that it is not my intention to give information to the Police or to any other Government Official when in all probability the person concerned acted in good faith, and most likely was misinformed was the case with us and the others I have mentioned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. H. Clement

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

3rd August, 1943.



Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will consider the discontinuance of the rationing of sugar.

Normal consumption is roughly not more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs per week per head of the population, or say 95 tons metric per annum.

There is now in stock $31\frac{1}{2}$ tons weight which with 175 tons metric now in Montevideo will give a supply for 112 weeks at $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs per week per head of the population estimated at 2700.

Stocks in other importers warehouses or on Farms are not included in the above.

About 75% of our retail sales in Stanley are by the sack. It will ease the storage of such a large quantity and diminish wastage if consumers are permitted to resume purchase in bulk quantity as is their normal custom. There will also be the advantage of dispersal of stocks.

We think it would also encourage home jam making and help discourage the purchase of expensive imported jams.

It is respectfully submitted that the above are good and sufficient reasons for the request that the rationing of sugar should be discontinued.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

John Owen
Manager.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

6th August,

43.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

Red 90

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of the 3rd August regarding the rationing of sugar has been carefully considered and the following decision reached.

2. Visible stocks of sugar amounted to 225,661 lbs on the 24th July. As soon as these have been raised to 300,000 lbs by the importation of some of the stock now in Montevideo, Government will suspend rationing. It will be understood, of course, that rationing will be reimposed at any time should Government consider it desirable to do so.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.

Government Notice.

Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
2nd. September, 1943.

SUGAR.

In accordance with the provisions of the Defence Regulations 1939, Part VI section 41 (1) (a), it is hereby ordered that the rationing control of Sugar imposed by Order no. R. 1/1 of December 31st. 1942, as amended by Order no. R. 1/5 of March 31st. 1943, shall cease from and including Friday, September 3rd. 1943.

Competent Authority.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley.

14th January, 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to request for some information as to the necessity for rationing of pollard which I understand is proposed. Our Store Department recently imported 200 bags which is sufficient for our normal sales for more than two months. After deducting 30 bags sent to Camp, we have remaining sufficient for our usual customers to last until approximately 10th March.

It is also learned that certain cowkeepers are permitted to purchase such fodder from the Agricultural Department at cost. I shall be glad if this may be confirmed. If correct I shall be glad to be furnished with particulars of tonnage so sold so that a claim for return of rebate on Government cargo can be made out and forwarded to you for repayment. I should be glad also of a statement of first cost of fodder sold, so that a bill for our usual commission of 2½% can be presented for payment. We cannot be expected to finance purchases for private individuals free of charge. Such benefits as the Colonial Government enjoy under the mail contract are strictly for Government account only and should not be passed on to others.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

John T. Clerk
Manager.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

MINUTE.

No. _____

3rd February 1944.

From
Director of Agriculture.
~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,~~
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

In reply to Ref. 98 concerning paragraph 1. The position is as Mr. Carr has stated in black 100. Had no restriction been imposed on the sale of pollard there would be no pollard in the stores at the present time. At the present moment no grain for horses or poultry can be procured in Stanley.

In reply to paragraph 2. it is the Government's policy to stimulate the production of fresh milk at an economic price. Pollard is one of the basic cow fodders and has been retailed in Stanley at prices ranging from 6/3 to 10/- per sack during the past three years. The Department has imported this fodder at prices ranging from 5/9 to 7/- per bag c.i.f. Stanley. Last May the landed price in Stanley rose to about 7/6 and Mr. Hansen approached me and stated that he would be compelled to raise the price of milk. He did not like having to do so and could perhaps avoid it if the Department could import fodder at a lower price for him than the retail price in town. He stated that he bought all his pollard through Estate Louis Williams and that the manager was willing that the Department should supply pollard if the supply of milk could be maintained and the price kept down. I checked this with Mr. Rowe per telephone and he endorsed the statement. The matter had been previously discussed with and approved by His Excellency as a possibility some time before. I believe I rang you describing the above, and proposed that we supply Hansen as requested with pollard at cost prices since his commercial supplier agreed with the proposal. We commenced supplying Hansen on this basis in July and I have mentioned the arrangement in conversation with His Excellency.

It is, therefore, part of the Government policy of controlling the price of milk, to sell to the Registered Dairies in Stanley, pollard and or other bagged cattle fodder at landed costs. Since the 1st January last I have instructed that an additional 3d. per bag be added to cover local handling charges and possible loss in transit. This policy is not for the benefit of private individuals but for the benefit of the public of Stanley and cannot be considered as other than the policy of the Colonial Government.

I have further discussed the matter with the Legal Adviser who is definitely of the opinion that the fodder imported by the Government for this purpose is bona fida Government cargo. He asks how, if the Government orders it and pays the costs and freight, it could belong to anyone else.

The alternative method of controlling the price of milk would be by direct subsidy to the dealer which would involve the dealers profit on handling the pollard, the costs of financing purchases in Montevideo and the payment of the rebate allowed on Government freights, in all, amounting to \$55. 3. 4. for the last half year. I submit that if the claim of the Falkland Is. Co., is valid, that this sum would have to be divided between the F.I.Co and Estate L. Williams who have done nothing what-so-ever to earn it.

The present method of controlling the price gains the identical result without cost to the taxpayer and is possible because of the generosity of Estate L. Williams in voluntarily forgoing their profits on the sale of pollard.

But sed. 98. opens up more than the manager of the Falkland Island Co., realises, in that it is also part of the policy of this Government to supply lime to farmers at landed cost in Stanley, freight free to their stations in return for hay, on a ton for ton basis. The principle is that a ton of lime per acre applied to the farmers hay crop may be expected to increase the yield by about one ton per acre, and so produce a saleable surplus without increasing the area cultivated. The station pays the cost of the lime landed at Stanley and the Department purchases the hay and retails part of it to the other Registered Dairies.

Is the Falkland Island Co., entitled to define Government policy?

Director of Agriculture.

5th February,

44.

Sir,

Red 98

I am directed by His Excellency to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th January and to reply as follows.

2. The sale of pollard has been placed temporarily under permit by the Competent Authority in order to ensure supplies to all those engaged in the production of essential foodstuffs.

3. Pollard or any other stores purchased overseas and shipped to the Colony by Government is considered to be "Bona Fide Government traffic" in terms of Clause 5 of the Mail Contract. Further, the sale of articles from Government stores to the public has, as the annual provision in the Estimates shows, long been in practice. The particular case of pollard has an especial importance and support in that it is a war measure essential to the maintenance of the local milk supply and to the control of the cost of living.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Palkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.

(108)

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley.

2nd March, 1944.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Red 105.
Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.82/41 dated the 5th ultimo.

I regret to have to express disagreement with paragraph 3 of your letter. Pollard purchased overseas for resale to the public can by no means be considered "bona-fide Government traffic" under the terms of the Mail contract.

It is considered that the statement that the sale of articles from Government stores to the public has long been in practice - evades the issue. The sale of articles from Government stores is a convenience only, and while greatly appreciated I think it is correct to say that it has never been the practice of the Government to purchase and stock articles with a view to re-sale or, in effect, to engage in trade.

The especial importance of pollard for the maintenance of the local milk supply is not in itself dispute. If in order to control cost of living it is considered advisable or necessary to subsidize the local supply, it should be done by direct subsidy out of taxation. To give effect to what amounts to a subsidy at the expense of the carrier is surely wrong in principle and it is very surprising that the Government should lend itself to such a thing.

I may add that there is nothing to prevent any large consumer from importing their own stocks of feeding stuffs on the same terms as any other importer.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

J.M. Park

Manager.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
91	Fox Bay	23	9.30	16.3.49.
To	Colonial Secretary		Stanley	

In view of London news can you tell me if the Government anticipate x abolishing clothes rationing from straling areas

Clement

Answer

rationing lifted May

Reply at 113

C.A.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				17. 3. 49.

To

STANT FOK BAY

your telegram 16th March rationing lifted today.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of the Competent Authority,
(Supplies),
Stanley.

Rationing of Clothing and Footwear

The order of 31st December, 1942 regulating the rationing of clothing and footwear made under the Defence Regulations No. 41. (1) (a) is hereby revoked.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1949.

(Sgd.) G.W.J. BOWLES.

Competent Authority, (Supplies).