

IF FOUND, RETURN TO ANY FOOD OFFICE.

MINISTRY OF FOOD.

NATIONAL RATION BOOK (B).

INSTRUCTIONS.

Read carefully these instructions and the leaflet which will be sent you with this Book.

1. The person named on the reference leaf as the holder of this ration book must write his name and address in the space below, and must write his name and address, and the serial number (printed upside down on the back cover) in the space provided to the left of each page of coupons.

Food Office of
Issue

S.M. 47

Date 23 OCT 1918

Signature of Holder

Fredrick Hudson

Address

Plantation Cottage Banbury Oxon

2. For convenience of writing at the Food Office the Reference Leaf has been put opposite the back cover, and has purposely been printed upside down. It should be carefully examined. If there is any mistake in the entries on the Reference Leaf, the Food Office should be asked to correct it.

3. The holder must register this book at once by getting his retailers for butcher's meat, bacon, butter and margarine, sugar and tea respectively, to write their names and the addresses of their shops in the proper space on the back of the cover. Persons staying in hotels, boarding houses, hostels, schools, and similar establishments should not register their books until they leave the establishment.

4. The ration book may be used only by or on behalf of the holder, to buy rationed food for him, or members of the same household, or guests sharing common meals. It may not be used to buy rationed food for any other persons.

INSTRUCTIONS—continued.

5. Any leaf of coupons may be detached as a whole and used apart from the book, provided that the retailer has entered his name and address in the space provided on the back of the leaf. With the consent of the retailer, any leaf of coupons so filled up can be deposited with him, provided that the retailer enters the words "leaf deposited" below his name and address in his space on the back of the cover.

6. Coupons already detached from the leaf are invalid.

7. The leaves, spaces and counterfoils marked "spare" are for use if other foods are rationed.

8. The ration book may only be used while the holder is living in Great Britain, is not drawing Government rations, and is not in an institution (hospital, asylum, workhouse etc.).

9. **PERSONS ENTERING INSTITUTIONS.** If the holder of this book enters an institution, the ration book must be given up to the head of the institution.

10. **MEMBERS OF H.M. FORCES.** If the holder joins the Forces, the book must be given up to the Naval, Military or Air Force Authorities. If the holder, being a member of H.M. Forces, is taken on the ration strength of a ship or unit, he must surrender the book to the officer commanding.

11. **PERSONS LEAVING GREAT BRITAIN.**—If the holder is leaving Great Britain for any place other than the Channel Islands, Ireland, or the Isle of Man for more than four weeks, the book must be given up to the Aliens' Officer on embarkation. In all other cases when the holder is leaving the country, the book must be kept by him but must be shown to the Aliens' Officer or other inspector on demand. It must not be used during absence, unless any particular coupons are valid under a rationing scheme in Ireland, Channel Isles, or the Isle of Man. All coupons not so used during the period of absence must be detached and destroyed.

12. **DEATH.**—If the holder of this book dies, the book must be immediately given up to the Registrar of Deaths by the person registering the death.

13. Any book not given up to the proper authorities in any of the above cases must be sent at once to the nearest Food Office.

14. It is a summary offence punishable by fine up to £100 or six months' imprisonment, or both, for any person—

- (a) to apply for or to hold more than one ration book;
- (b) to retain a ration book which ought to be given up;
- (c) to use a ration book for purchases when it may not be used;
- (d) to use the ration book of another person, except for or on behalf of that person, or to lend or give his own ration book to any other person;
- (e) to purchase more than the proper ration in respect of any coupon or space;
- (f) to use coupons for purchases without the leaf to which they belong, or in the wrong periods;
- (g) to deface a ration book or without authority alter any entry made thereon,

or otherwise to contravene any of these instructions or any of the provisions of the Rationing Order, 1918, under which this book is issued.

LARD 21	LARD 19	LARD 13	7 SPARE	1 SPARE
LARD 22	LARD 20	LARD 14	LARD 8	2 SPARE
Leaf 1. Holder's Signature <i>Mrs. J. H. H. H.</i>			LARD 15	LARD 9
Address of Holder <i>Bampf. H. H.</i>			LARD 16	LARD 10
Serial No. of Book <i>22-10-17</i>			LARD 17	LARD 11
LARD 26	LARD 24	LARD 18	LARD 12	5 SPARE
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF
RETAILER:

Mr Taylor
Bamford Stn

Leaf 1x. Holder's Signature

Address
of Holder

Serial
No. of
Book

LARD 21	LARD 19	LARD 13	7 SPARE	1 SPARE
LARD 22	LARD 20	LARD 14	LARD 8	2 SPARE
leaf 1x. Holder's Signature		LARD 15	LARD 9	3 SPARE
Address of Holder		LARD 16	LARD 10	4 SPARE
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J. Taylor & Son
Bampton

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