

FOOD NEWS

RE-REGISTRATION FOR RATIONED FOODS

The public will be required to re-register for meat and groceries (including eggs) with the new ration book when it comes. There will be no re-registration for milk.

Full details, including the date when re-registration may begin, will be advertised in due course. For the time being the public are asked to do nothing about it.

DRIED WHOLE EGG FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMERS

The Ministry of Food has informed wholesalers that it is about to make a first distribution of dried whole egg for domestic consumers. It is hoped that the dried whole egg will be in the retailers' shops about the end of June.

The first allocation, which will be spread over the period of the current ration book, will be at the rate of one package of 12 eggs to every consumer registered for eggs-in-shell. The price will be 1s.9d. a package.

PROCESSED CHEESE

The Minister of Food has made an Order reducing, from June 22, the maximum wholesale price of processed cheese in portions or blocks weighing over 3 ozs. to 99s.2d. per cwt. From the same date, the maximum retail price of such cheese will be reduced to 1s.1d. per lb. The maximum prices of small portions weighing 3 ozs. or under will be reduced to the same levels from July 27. Traders holding stocks of processed cheese acquired at higher prices should, therefore, note these dates carefully in order to be sure of disposing of their stocks before the new maximum prices come into force.

The Ministry has also made arrangements for the concentration of the processed cheese industry. Production has, since April 30, been restricted to a small number of factories in different parts of the country. The production of small portions and packets of processed cheese has stopped. Such cheese as will continue to be processed in bulk sizes will be manufactured on behalf of the Ministry, which will take over its distribution in the same way as that of ordinary cheese as part of the ration.